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Dear Members of the California State Assembly and State Senate:

As more than 100 Audubon members, chapter leaders, and staff members visit the California State Capitol today to speak with their elected leaders about the need to protect the Golden State's birds and remarkable landscapes, I want to thank you for continuing to lead the way on many issues of vital importance to the Audubon movement. Audubon California represents more than 350,000 supporters and 49 affiliated chapters in communities across the state.

We were greatly pleased to see the Legislature last week advance critically important bills on environmental protection and access to the parks. California's environmental leadership is held in high regard around the world.

With the President Trump's decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement, California's leadership on addressing climate change is more important than ever.

We were disappointed that the State Assembly failed to pass Assembly Bill 378, which would reauthorize California's groundbreaking cap-and-trade program and provide additional protection from air pollution to those communities that have historically suffered the most. Nonetheless, we remain confident in California's leadership on climate change, and hope that the Governor and legislative leadership can find a way during this session to bolster this critically important program that is an example for the entire country to follow.

Audubon research published in our 2014 [Birds and Climate Change Report](#) shows that 314 species of North American birds—170 in California—could face extinction in the coming decades if we fail to address the challenge of climate change. Audubon is engaging its 1 million members and supporters from across the political spectrum to urge lawmakers around the country to reduce carbon pollution at the speed and scale required to ensure a better future for birds and people.

Again, thank you for all your work to protect California's stunning natural treasures including your many stunning bird species. And please extend a warm welcome to the many Audubon members who will walking the halls of the Capitol today.

Sincerely,

David Yarnold
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