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SB 1241 Stalls in Committee

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Last week, SB 1241, the Agriculture Climate Benefits Act, did not make it out of the Senate Appropriations Committee in time to meet its legislative deadline, and so ends our attempt to advance it any further this year.

During the life of SB 1241, we found considerable support for the substance of the bill. The primary reason it failed was not on its merits, but rather due to the political context that has developed in the past few months. California's AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act, is the country's most comprehensive climate bill, and it is under attack. There is an oil industry-funded campaign to suspend its implementation that has obtained over 800,000 signatures and will almost certainly soon qualify as a ballot measure for the November election.

The relationship between SB 1241 and the implementation of AB 32 is that SB 1241 would have allocated a portion of revenue generated by a cap-and-trade program mandated under AB 32. A number of good bills dealing with aspects of AB 32 funding, including a bill by Senator Pavley (co-author of AB 32), have also not moved and our bill joins their ranks.

Working on the bill has given us a great platform to raise important issues, including the need to support resources for sustainable agricultural solutions to climate change, and build a coalition to support those aims. SB 1241 passed