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Although toxic lead has been sensibly removed from such sources as paint and gasoline, every year, we still permit tens of thousands of tons of this highly poisonous substance to be shot into the environment or left behind in our precious waters. When this lead enters the food chain, it takes a deadly toll. There's scientific evidence that lead from spent ammo and fishing tackle is the source of lead poisoning exposure for at least 130 species of birds and wildlife.

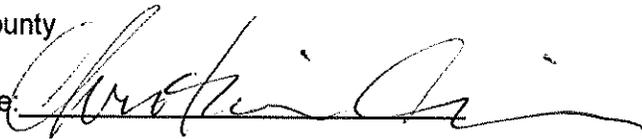
Bald eagles, golden eagles, peregrine falcons, loons, cranes, condors, herons and other birds and wildlife die incredibly painful lead-poisoning deaths. Lead ammo also poses serious health risks to low-income beneficiaries of venison donations, not to mention the 10 million hunters and their families who consume wild game riddled with lead shot.

More than 250 organizations in 40 states have called on the EPA to regulate this lead under the Toxic Substances Control Act. And state regulations, in place for seven years in California, have proven that requiring nontoxic ammo will not restrict hunting. Nontoxic bullets, shot and fishing weights are widely available and in many cases, comparable in price to lead.

BE IT RESOLVED : The Conservation Congress work with the DNR to help end the intense suffering and unnecessary deaths of millions of birds and wildlife by banning products that contain toxic lead in ammunition and fishing gear in WI, under the Toxic Substances Control Act.

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