

# Editorial: Feds need to leave California alone

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We Californians should overhaul our initiative system. We should update and perhaps scrap some initiatives California voters approved years ago.

Additionally, we Californians should take second looks at some of the environmental laws approved by past legislatures to make certain they make sense in 2013.

The operative words are "we Californians" – definitely not some United States senator from, of all places, Louisiana.

But as the *Los Angeles Times'* Evan Halper reported last week, Sen. David Vitter, R-La., and Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., reached a compromise before Lautenberg died in which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency would gain more authority to regulate chemicals.

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