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June 22, 2017

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The Honorable Steve Knight
Member of Congress
1023 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

SUBJECT: H.R. 2156 (Knight): SUPPORT

Dear Representative Knight:

The City of Santa Clarita is pleased to support H.R. 2156, which would establish a national memorial and national monument to commemorate the victims of the Saint Francis Dam collapse on March 12, 1928.

On June 13, 2017, the Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support H.R. 2156. This bill would authorize the Department of Agriculture to establish the Saint Francis Dam Disaster National Memorial and National Monument to honor the victims of the Saint Francis Dam disaster on March 12, 1928.

H.R. 2156 appropriately recognizes and memorializes the collapse of the Saint Francis Dam on March 12, 1928. The dam collapse resulted in a tremendous loss of life and property; a California disaster surpassed only by the 1906 San Francisco earthquake.

While there were many lessons to be learned from the disaster, perhaps the most long-lasting on a national scale resulted in changes to dam construction techniques. No region should ever face the devastation created by the failure of a dam as occurred in the Santa Clarita Valley and all communities that were in the pathway of the raging flood waters.

The creation of a national memorial and national monument will honor those who were killed, injured or survived that horrific event. Their individual and collective stories will be brought forward for future generations to better understand the history of the Santa Clarita Valley and the region. The designation

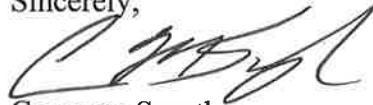


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will also serve to preserve the remaining historic artifacts and serve as a place of reflection, contemplation and remembrance.

Please let me know how the City of Santa Clarita may be of assistance to you in securing enactment of H.R. 2156. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding the Santa Clarita City Council's support of this bill, please feel free to contact Intergovernmental Relations Manager Michael Murphy at (661) 255-4384 or mmurphy@santa-clarita.com.

Sincerely,



Cameron Smyth
Mayor

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