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December 18, 2017

Laurene Weste Mayor

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein Member of the United States Senate 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Bob Kellar Councilmember SUBJECT: S. 1993: SUPPORT

Dear Senator Feinstein:

Bill Miranda Councilmember

The City of Santa Clarita is pleased to support S. 1993, related to expanding the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) to include portions of the Rim of the Valley Corridor.

Cameron Smyth Councilmember

On December 12, 2017, the Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support companion bills S. 1993 and H.R. 4086. As you know, these bills would add approximately 191,000 acres of the Rim of the Valley Corridor to SMMNRA and authorize the National Park Service to implement capital improvements, monitor and study wildlife and ecosystems, and provide technical assistance for resource protection and recreation planning in the identified portions of the Rim of the Valley Corridor.

The City of Santa Clarita has been working in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, State of California, regional and local government entities, as well as private sector and non-profit organizations to preserve, protect, improve and provide connectivity to the Angeles National Forest. These bills would continue to enhance the City's efforts to preserve undeveloped land in and around the City. As of the beginning of this year, the City of Santa Clarita has acquired over 9,300 acres in open space with the intent to provide our residents with unparalleled recreational opportunities while enhancing and creating access opportunities with existing open space ownerships, such as the Angeles National Forest.



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Thank you for your leadership in recognizing the importance of protecting and enhancing the area known as the Rim of the Valley Corridor in Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Should you or your staff require any additional information regarding the City of Santa Clarita's support for S. 1993, please contact Michael Murphy, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, at (661) 255-4384 or mmurphy@santa-clarita.com.

Sincerely,

Laurene Weste

Mayor

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