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October 10, 2018

Laurene Weste
Mayor

The Honorable Rob Bishop, Chair
House Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Marsha McLean
Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Chairman Bishop:

Bob Kellar
Councilmember

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I respectfully oppose H.R. 3990 related to amending the authority of U.S. Presidents to modify national monument designations.

Bill Miranda
Councilmember

The San Gabriel Mountains National Monument (SGMNM), designated by President Obama on October 10, 2014, under authority of the Antiquities Act of 1906, is wholly within the bounds of the federally owned Angeles National Forest and directly abuts a portion of the City of Santa Clarita's eastern border.

Cameron Smyth
Councilmember

The designation of SGMNM occurred after significant public outreach and engagement with surrounding communities, to ensure that all impacted communities were able to share their thoughts on how best to access, use and protect this important natural resource.

Although there has not been an order to modify the size of SGMNM, the City of Santa Clarita is concerned that this proposed bill will jeopardize the preservation and overall quality of this critically significant land. Concern exists that if H.R. 3990 is enacted into law, the current or a future President could reduce the size of the SGMNM. This would create uncertainty for the smooth and continuous operation of the national monument. This uncertainty could result in state, regional and local jurisdictions being unwilling to invest resources in connecting with the national monument or partnering with the federal government to optimize access to and/or use of a national monument.

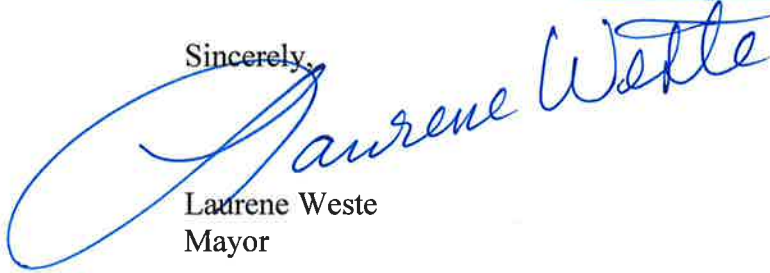
For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita opposes H.R. 3990. Should you or your staff require any additional information regarding this letter, please contact



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me or City of Santa Clarita Intergovernmental Relations Manager Michael
Murphy at (661) 255-4384 or mmurphy@santa-clarita.com.

Sincerely,



Laurene Weste
Mayor

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