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April 10, 2019

Marsha McLean Mayor

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

Bob Kellar Councilmember SUBJECT: S. 774: SUPPORT

Dear Senator Feinstein:

Bill Miranda Councilmember The City of Santa Clarita is pleased to support S. 774, related to expanding the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) to include portions of the Rim of the Valley Corridor.

Laurene Weste Councilmember On April 10, 2019, the Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support companion bills S. 774 and H.R. 1708. As you know, the City of Santa Clarita (City) has been working closely for a number of years on this critical issue, particularly as it impacts our community. This important effort to expand the boundaries of the SMMNRA to include portions of our area within the Rim of the Valley Corridor is deeply appreciated and most welcome.

The expansion of the SMMNRA, as proposed in S. 774, will recognize the City's efforts to work in partnership with the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, state, regional and local government entities, as well as the private sector and non-profit organizations to preserve, protect, enhance and provide connectivity to existing federal resources.

As of the beginning of this year, the City has acquired nearly 11,000 acres of open space with the intent to provide our residents with unparalleled recreational opportunities, while enhancing and creating access opportunities with existing open space ownerships. S. 774 will continue to enhance the City's efforts to preserve open space in and around the City and create interconnectivity with the Angeles National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.



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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. 774, please contact Michael Murphy, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, at (661) 255-4384 or <a href="mmurphy@santa-clarita.com">mmurphy@santa-clarita.com</a>.

Sincerely,

Marsha McLean

Mayor

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