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April 10, 2019

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The Honorable Adam Schiff
Member of Congress
2269 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

SUBJECT: H.R. 1708: SUPPORT

Dear Representative Schiff:

On behalf of the City of Santa Clarita, California, I am writing to reaffirm the City Council's support for H.R. 1708, related to expanding the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) to include portions of the Rim of the Valley Corridor.

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 H.R. 1708, 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. H.R. 1708 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 ongoing commitment to this important issue and for continuing to support the City of Santa Clarita. Should you or your staff require any additional information regarding the City of Santa Clarita's support for H.R. 1708, please contact Michael Murphy, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, at (661) 255-4384 or mmurphy@santa-clarita.com.

Sincerely,



Marsha McLean
Mayor

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