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

Laurene Weste Mayor Pro Tem SUBJECT: S. 1769 (FEINSTEIN): SUPPORT

Jason Gibbs Councilmember Dear Senator Feinstein:

Marsha McLean Councilmember On behalf of the City of Santa Clarita, California, I am writing to express the City Council's support for S. 1769, related to expanding the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) to include portions of the Rim of the Valley Corridor. At the regular meeting on July 13, 2021, the Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support this measure.

Cameron Smyth Councilmember 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. 1769, will recognize and leverage 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. 1769 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.

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 further information regarding our support for S. 1769, please feel free to contact Intergovernmental Relations Analyst Masis Hagobian at (661) 286-4057 or <a href="mailto:mhagobian@santa-clarita.com">mhagobian@santa-clarita.com</a>.

Sincerely,

William A. Miranda

Mayor

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