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July 17, 2023

Jason Gibbs
Mayor

The Honorable Mike Garcia
Member of Congress
144 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Cameron Smyth
Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Representative Garcia:

Marsha McLean
Councilmember

SUBJECT: H.R. 2887: SUPPORT

Bill Miranda
Councilmember

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am writing to express our support for House Resolution 2887 (H.R. 287), also known as the Helping Invest in Key Environments Act, 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 July 11, 2023, the Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support H.R. 2887. 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. We deeply appreciate your ongoing efforts to expand the boundaries of the SMMNRA to include portions within the Rim of the Valley Corridor, including lands within the Upper Santa Clara River area.

The expansion of the SMMNRA, as proposed by H.R. 2887 recognizes and leverages 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.

The City has more than 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. 2887 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. 2887, please contact Intergovernmental Relations Officer Masis Hagobian at (661) 286-4057 or mhagobian@santa-clarita.com.

Sincerely,



Jason Gibbs
Mayor

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