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The Honorable Salud Carbajal  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Carbajal:

I have sent the enclosed letters to Chairman Lamborn and Ranking Minority Member Lowenthal of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, urging them to take action on H.R. 731, the *California Clean Coast Act*.

Thank you for introducing H.R. 731. On April 11, the Board of Supervisors took action in support of your measure. The Community Sustainability and Environmental Protection Principle included in the Board's adopted Legislative Principles for 2017 recognizes the need to work to maintain and protect coastal areas and bio-diversity, and protecting the valuable coastal environment has been a local priority since the devastating oil spill of 1969. The 1,100-mile coastline of California is a national treasure that is the heart of a tourist industry that generates nearly \$5 billion in State and local taxes annually.

Please urge your colleagues on the Subcommittee to expedite consideration of H.R. 731 or similar legislation that would permanently ban future offshore oil and gas leasing along the California coast.

I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas P. Walters  
Washington Representative

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