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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

July 12, 2018

The Honorable Senator Anthony Portantino
Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations
State Capitol, Room 3086
Sacramento, CA

RE: Assembly Bill 1775 (Muratsuchi) - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Portantino:

In 1968, the Santa Barbara coastline was covered with crude oil after equipment failure on an offshore oil platform. In 2015, the Santa Barbara coastline was again covered by oil from a leaking onshore pipeline that flowed into the ocean in Gaviota. The community would like to avoid increasing the risk of oil spills affecting us in the future.

On January 30, 2018, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution opposing new offshore oil and gas leases in Federal waters off of the California Coast. Assembly Bill (AB) 1775 would prevent the State Lands Commission from signing new leases for oil and gas development infrastructure associated with Federal offshore leases signed after January 1, 2018.

AB 1775 aligns with the Boards opposition to new offshore Federal oil and gas leases. For these reasons, the County respectfully urges your support for AB 1775.

If you have questions about the Board's position, please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Dennis Bozanich at 805-568-3403 or dbozanich@countyofsb.org.

Sincerely,

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