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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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The Honorable Assemblymember Laura Friedman
Chair, Assembly Committee on Natural Resources
State Capitol, Room 2137
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 255 (Limon) Coastal Resources: Oil Spills: Grants - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Friedman:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to state our support for AB 255 (Limon), which would include Native American tribes and other public entities to be eligible for grants authorized by the Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act.

Existing law provides that the Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act may offer spill response equipment grants to local governments with jurisdiction over waters of the state. AB 255 (Limon) would clarify this existing grant program in the code and ensure this program continues to provide these specified grants to local government, Native American Tribes or other public entities that have jurisdiction over or are directly adjacent to waters of the state.

The Board of Supervisors adopted a 2019 Legislative Platform that includes a Community Sustainability and Environmental Protection Legislative Principle, which specifically states that the County shall support and engage in state deliberations to ensure that local government receives the economic and financial benefits associated with policies including disaster prevention, response and recovery.

For these reasons, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is pleased to support AB 255 (Limon). 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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