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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

April 17, 2019

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am writing on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara to express support for S.1111, the *Central Coast Heritage Protection Act*.

Thank you for your leadership in co-sponsoring S.1111. This legislation is the product of a multi-year process of study and public participation to improve the management of federal lands in Santa Barbara County and other areas of the Central Coast of California.

S.1111 includes provisions to protect 250,000 acres of new and expanded wilderness in the Los Padres National Forest and the Carrizo Plain National Monument, protect wild and scenic rivers, and designate the Condor National Recreation Trail. These lands provide critical watershed, recreation areas, cultural resource protection, and habitat reserves that are vitally important to Santa Barbara County residents. The lands that are proposed for wilderness designation will add to and connect with existing wildernesses, thereby increasing and complementing their resource protection value.

Please continue to work for passage of this legislation by the committee and the Senate to protect these essential natural resources.

Sincerely yours,

Don Gilcrest  
Washington Representative

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