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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

June 10, 2019

The Honorable Senator Henry Stern  
 Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water  
 State Capitol, Room 2137  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

***RE: AB 409 (Limon) Climate Change: Agriculture: grant program - SUPPORT***

Dear Senator Stern:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to state our support for AB 409 (Limon), which would establish a competitive grant program in the Strategic Growth Council to award grants and provide technical assistance, respectively, to facilitate the response of local communities to climate change.

The farms and ranches in the State of California are uniquely vulnerable to the impacts of a changing climate. To assess relevant climate risks and adaptation strategies and integrate them into their business planning and decision-making, farmers and ranchers need science-based, farm-level planning tools and trained technical assistance providers to work with them. This is especially true for small and moderately scaled, and of disadvantaged farmers and ranchers who do not have equal access to technical assistance and, on average, have fewer resources to adapt to climate change.

The Board of Supervisors adopted a 2019 Legislative Platform that includes a Fiscal Stability Legislative Principle, which specifically states that the County will support the generation of new intergovernmental revenue.

For these reasons, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is pleased to support AB 409 (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](mailto:dbozanich@countyofsb.org).

Sincerely,

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