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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

August 2, 2018

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher, Chair
Assembly Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 834 (Jackson) - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Gonzalez-Fletcher:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to state our support for Senate Bill (SB) 834 by Senator Jackson, which is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 8th.

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. Senate Bill (SB) 834 by Senator Jackson 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.

SB 834 (Jackson) would align with the Board's opposition to new offshore Federal oil and gas leases, therefore the Board respectfully urges your support of SB 834 (Jackson).

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,



Cliff Berg, Legislative Advocate

cc:

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