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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

May 29, 2018

Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson
State Capitol, Room 2035
Sacramento, CA

Assemblymember Muratsuchi
State Capitol, Room 2179
Sacramento, CA

RE: Assembly Bill 1775 (Muratsuchi) & Senate Bill 834 (Jackson) - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Muratsuchi and Senator Jackson:

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 and Senate Bill (SB) 834 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.

The Board supports AB 1775 and SB 834. AB 1775 and SB 834 align with the Boards opposition to new offshore Federal oil and gas leases.

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

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