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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

June 18, 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 in support of the principles of the Green New Deal.

On June 4th, the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution supporting a conversation to create nationwide federal policies to mobilize sectors of the American economy for a fair and just transition for all communities and works to attain 100 percent clean and renewable energy by 2030.

According to the 2018 Fourth National Climate Assessment report, climate change causing the planet to increase in temperature at or above two degrees Celsius will cause hundreds of billions of dollars in economic losses from severe storms, sea level rise, drought, and wildfire. Santa Barbara County has already faced extreme weather patterns in the past decade, including prolonged drought, extreme and intense wildfires, a year-round fire season, and a deadly debris flow from torrential storm burst.

The County has also adopted an Energy and Climate Action Plan that embraces these goals, including:

- Providing funding for community-based solutions to climate change
- Expanding the use of clean renewable and zero-emission sources of power
- Transitioning the county fleet to zero-emission vehicles
- Creating smart power grids
- Working with farmers and ranchers to increase soil carbon sequestration
- And retrofitting homes and places of work to better utilize energy

Please to support these public polices including legislation to advance clean and renewable energy infrastructure implementation.

Sincerely yours,

Don Gilchrest
Washington Representative

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