September 6, 2018

The Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 834 (Jackson) and AB 1775 (Muratsuchi) - Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to respectfully request your signature on SB 834 (Jackson) and AB 1775 (Muratsuchi). 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.

AB 1775 and SB 834 align with the Boards opposition to new offshore Federal oil and gas leases. For these reasons, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests your signature on AB 1775 (Muratsuchi) and 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@countyofsfb.org.

Sincerely,

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    The Honorable Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi, Author
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