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The Honorable Sabrina Cervantes
Chair, Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy
State Capitol, Room 2175
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 538 (Muratsuchi) - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Cervantes:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to state our support for Assembly Bill 538 (Muratsuchi), which creates the California Aerospace Act of 2021, which establishes a 15-member California Aerospace Commission for the purpose of serving as a central point of contact for related industries and to support the health and competitiveness of these industries in California.

California's aerospace industry boasts a gross domestic product exceeding that of the state's film and television and agricultural industries combined. Over 200,000 Californians are directly employed by the industry, and more than 500,000 are employed in related fields. California's highly skilled aerospace workforce continues to lead the nation and the world in innovation and advanced manufacturing.

The Board of Supervisors adopted a 2021 Legislative Principle that supports the interaction and dialogue with public, private and non-profit sectors with a focus on the pursuit of and advocacy for economic vitality and innovation. The establishment of the California Aerospace and Aviation Commission will play a key role in supporting the dialogue about aerospace business development in Santa Barbara County.

For these reasons, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is pleased to support AB 538. If you have questions about the Board's position, please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Jasmine McGinty at 805-568-3108 or jmcginty@countyofsb.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Al Muratsuchi, Author
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