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July 10, 2017

Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Interior
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke,

In regard to the U.S. Department of the Interior's assessment of certain National Monuments designated or expanded since 1996, as directed by Executive Order 13792, this letter affirms our support for California's National Parks and Monuments, some of which have been designated under the Antiquities Act of 1906.

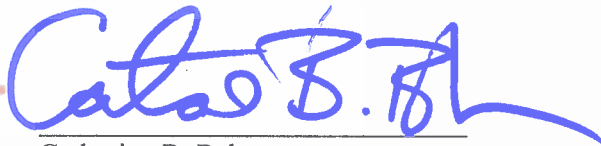
California is home to a wide array of beautiful and diverse National Parks and National Monuments that millions of visitors from all around the world explore every year. They are an economic driver to many regions throughout the state. Outdoor recreation in California alone generates \$85 billion in annual consumer spending, 730,000 jobs, and approximately \$6.7 billion in state and local tax revenue. Since President Theodore Roosevelt signed into law the Antiquities Act, presidents from both political parties have used the Act to designate a total of 157 national monuments, thereby safeguarding and preserving some of our country's most valuable natural treasures for all Americans to enjoy.

In addition to this letter, on June 13, 2017, the California Legislature approved Assembly Joint Resolution 15 (Chapter 85, California Statutes of 2017). This measure expressed California's strong support to continue protecting our national monuments. After bipartisan passage through both houses of the California Legislature, AJR 15 was transmitted to the President and Vice President of the United States, and to the Secretaries of the United States Departments of the Interior and Agriculture.

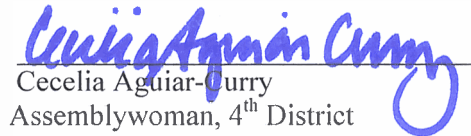
While you review the concerns raised in other regions of the country, we urge you to preserve and protect these treasures, including these monuments currently under review in the Golden State:

1. Berryessa Snow Mountain
2. Carrizo Plain
3. Giant Sequoia
4. Mojave Trails
5. Sand to Snow
6. San Gabriel Mountains
7. Cascade Siskiyou

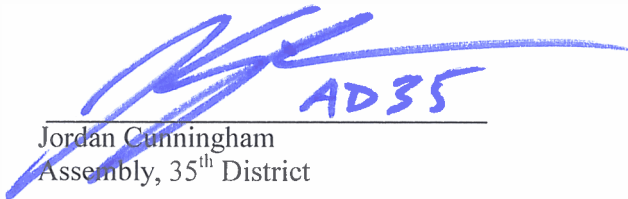
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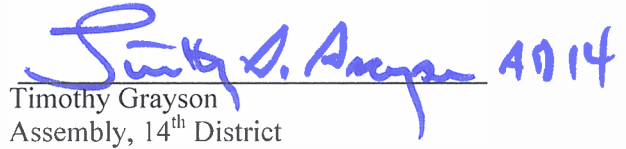
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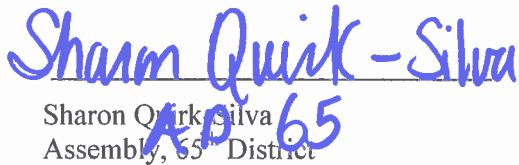
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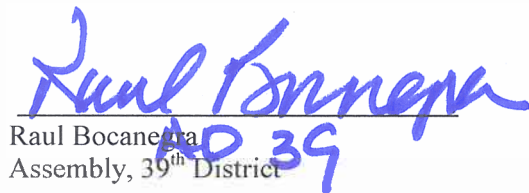
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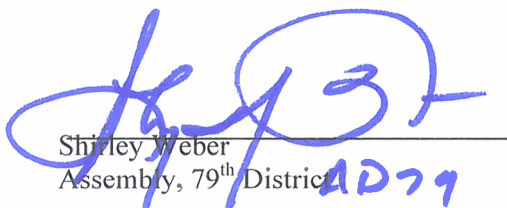
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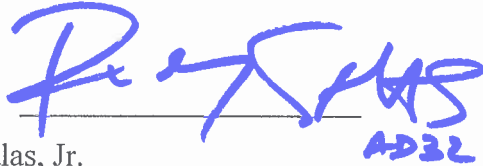
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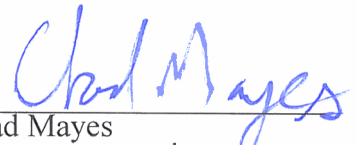
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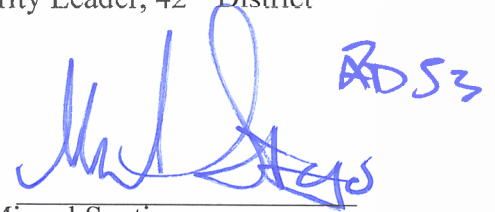
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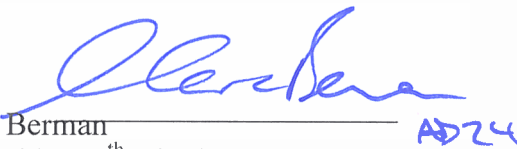
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