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November 11, 2026

The Honorable John Laird,
Member, Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
1021 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 46 - Support

Dear Senator Laird,

On behalf of San Manuel, Pechange, Santa Ynez Chumash, United Auburn, Chukchansi, and Table Mountain, we respectfully support SB 46. This bill establishes the Statewide Marine Sanctuary and Coastal Runoff Mitigation Program to reduce pollution entering California's coastal waters through investments in stormwater capture, trash interception, microplastic filtration, and habitat restoration projects.

California tribes have long upheld a responsibility to protect the state's natural resources for future generations. CLean waterways and healthy ecosystems are essential to cultural traditions, environmental stewardship, recreation, and economic sustainability. By funding projects that prevent pollution from reaching the Pacific Ocean and protected marine areas, SB 46 advances these shared goals.

The bill's competitive grant program encourages local innovation while supporting long-term improvements in water quality and marine habitat protection. We believe these investments will provide lasting environmental benefits for communities throughout California.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge support on SB 46.

Sincerely,

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