

May 23, 2019

The Honorable _____
State Capitol, Room _____
Sacramento, CA, 95814

RE: SUPPORT: SB45 - Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020

Dear Senator _____,

On behalf of the County of _____, I am writing to express our support for SB45, the Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020 authored by Senator Allen. Local governments such as our own are well-suited to implement climate mitigation and resiliency adaptations but are unable to do so without the state's support to amplify our efforts.

_____ County has felt many of the immediate impacts of climate change *[add in county specific information here, preferably at least one paragraph]*

California's 4th Climate Assessment warns that the costs of climate change could climb beyond \$113 billion annually if action is not promptly taken. Unfortunately, while our county has identified numerous climate-induced challenges, the investment necessary to fund required resiliency efforts is far beyond what our individual county's financial resources are capable of supporting. SB45 can serve as the means to finance this needed climate action.

FEMA estimates that every \$1 it invests in pre-disaster mitigation, \$6 dollars are saved in rebuilding and reconstruction costs. Investing sufficiently today in climate resiliency efforts could save both our county and the state significant sums in reduced restoration and rebuilding costs, improve public health, and preserve valuable natural resources for the benefit of future generations. The County of _____ Board of Supervisors strongly supports SB45 and urges you to sign on as a co-author to the legislation and ensure _____ County's interests are included in the final version of SB45.

Thank you for your time and considering our request.

Supervisor _____, District ___, Chair

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Cc:

Senator Ben Allen

Senator Henry Stern