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California State Senator Angelique Ashby
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RE: Senate Bill No. 867

Dear Senator Ashby,

Thank you for your support of SB 867, the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024. As we face the ongoing crisis of climate change, your actions will protect public safety and environmental benefits for years to come.

If approved by voters in November, SB 867 will allow the state to issue a total of ten billion dollars in bonds to ensure the climate resiliency of our state. As Californians feel the worsening effects of climate change on wildfires, water supplies, extreme heat, flooding, air quality, and more, this bill will provide funding for projects that mitigate these impacts. Bonds will also be provided for projects that promote sustainable agriculture, protect biodiversity, and increase outdoor access. This bill reflects the need for comprehensive funding that reflects the many ways climate change is affecting our lives. By investing in our collective future now, we will protect public health and promote environmental stewardship for future generations.

In the Sacramento region, SB 867 will provide specific funding for urgently needed measures. One hundred and fifty million dollars are dedicated to improving levees and flood protection in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Fifty million dollars are dedicated for the Wildlife Conservation Board to support salmon reintroduction to the Sacramento and San Joaquin River watersheds. Twenty-nine million dollars are allocated for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy. These measures will help protect one of the most impacted ecosystems in our state, in addition to benefits Sacramento may receive from bonds that are allocated more broadly.

The Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS) would like to thank you for taking this important step towards protecting our future. ECOS is a coalition of community-based organizations and individuals to promote climate solutions through sharing expertise, partnerships with communities, and environmental activism. Our mission is to achieve regional sustainability, livable communities, environmental justice, and a healthy environment and economy for existing and future residents. The policy objectives for our organization include reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality, promoting and reinforcing smart growth principles, establishing a regionally coordinated conservation strategy, establishing a sustainable water supply, and achieving equity in housing, public health, and opportunities. We believe SB 867 will be an instrumental part of achieving these goals. Your efforts are both critical and appreciated. We look forward to following your work in the future.

Sincerely,

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