<u>Support H.R. 1487-The Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area</u> <u>Boundary Adjustment Study Act</u>

The Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area is the largest urban national park in the United States. Over 153,000 acres are managed through collaboration between the National Park Service, the California State Park System, the Los Angeles County Parks & Recreation Department, as well as various other local agencies and non-profit organizations.

Congressman Ted Lieu has introduced H.R. 1487, the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Act. This bill would commission the National Park Service to conduct a three-year Special Resource Study to determine whether to add the entire Santa Monica Bay coastline to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

If the Special Resource Study determined an expansion was appropriate, federal scientific and infrastructure resources would become available for conservation and -MORE-

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recreational use in the communities of San Pedro, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Baldwin Hills, Ladera Heights, Windsor Hills, View Park and Faircrest Heights, Culver City, Marina Del Rey, Palms, Playa Vista, Del Rey, Playa del Rey, Westchester, Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades, Brentwood, and Venice. An expansion would also make it easier for these communities to work together on projects that would better connect them through trails and wildlife corridors.

Los Angeles County should support legislation that would establish the first National Park Service presence in South Los Angeles and connect the entire Santa Monica Bay.

WE, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors support H.R. 1487, the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Act, and send a five-signature letter to members of the House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

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