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The Honorable Christopher Ward
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room #2176
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 223 – Support

Dear Assemblymember Ward:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing in full support of AB 223 Wildlife: Dudleya Taking and Possession bill, which would help protect the state's population from illegal poaching.

As you are aware, a group in Humboldt County recently was caught with 2300 plants. This kind of loss could be catastrophic, especially since 10 percent of Dudleya are already listed as threatened or endangered by the state and federal government.

AB 223 will effectively enable the Department of Fish and Wildlife to enforce action against Dudleya poaching operations and discourage future poaching on state and federal lands as well as private lands and establishes substantial penalties for violations.

Thank you for your leadership in helping to bring this very important issue to the forefront and developing legislation to help protect California's beautiful native plants and their habitat.

Sincerely,

Virginia Bass, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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