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Senator.Menjivar@Senate.ca.gov

RE: Senate Bill (SB) 684: Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Menjivar,

On behalf of the County of Humboldt, I am writing to express our strong support for your bill, SB 684, the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act of 2025. This important legislation aligns with Humboldt County's commitment to urgent climate action, reinforcing our shared goals of environmental protection and equitable community resilience. As a geographically large county on the north coast, Humboldt County experiences significant impacts from increased severity and frequency of wildfires and winter storms. Additionally, we are experiencing the greatest level of sea level rise on the west coast due to a combination of rising seas and land subsidence.

Humboldt County has undertaken multiple climate-related studies that have helped us to understand the scope of the climate crisis in our communities, including a multi-phase Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan with subsequent planning studies, a planning document to address Natural Shoreline Infrastructure in Humboldt Bay for Intertidal Coastal Marsh Restoration and Transportation Corridor Protection, and a Humboldt Bay Living Shoreline Protection Project along with cooperatives studies of transportation infrastructure with other state agencies such as Caltrans and participation in City-led studies.

Humboldt County has also developed our Regional Climate Action Plan to outline what the County and our regional partners can do to take collective action to address the climate crisis. The plan aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across Humboldt County by addressing emissions from vehicle travel, electricity use, natural gas consumption and other local sources. It outlines measures related to carbon-free energy, building energy use, transportation, waste, water/wastewater and carbon sequestration. The plan's emissions reduction goals align with California's state targets of reducing emissions by 40% below 1990 levels by 2030 and achieving carbon neutrality by 2045. SB 684 further supports these objectives by holding polluters in the fossil fuel industry financially responsible and generating critical funding for climate mitigation and adaptation projects statewide.

We are working hard to do our part, but local government and everyday people need greater support and accountability to address our climate needs. By passing SB 684, California will continue to set the standard for environmental stewardship, ensuring that the costs of climate mitigation and adaptation are carried by those most responsible for the damage, rather than by taxpayers and impacted communities.

For these reasons, the County of Humboldt strongly supports SB 684. We urge the Legislature to pass this critical bill, and we appreciate your leadership and commitment to a resilient future on behalf of our County and state.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Mike Wilson
Chair, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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