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The Honorable Senator Dave Min
1021 O Street, Suite #6710
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 704 (Min): Coastal Resources: California Coastal Act of 1976: Industrial
 Developments: Oil and Gas Facilities: Offshore Wind - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Min:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express support for your bill, SB 704 (Min), removing oil and gas development from the “industrial override” provisions of the Coastal Act. These provisions currently allow for offshore oil development, new or expanded refineries, or petrochemical plants, among other facilities, regardless of whether such facilities are designed to be consistent with the Coastal Act’s resource protection policies.

SB 704 additionally seeks to promote offshore wind development by encouraging port development that contributes to offshore wind energy deployment. The Coastal Act should be updated to ensure that oil and gas development in the Coastal Zone complies with the same coastal resource policies as virtually all other coastal development, and to encourage the Coastal Commission to look toward a decarbonized energy future including offshore wind generation.

We are pleased to support SB 704 and we thank you for authoring this very important legislation.

Sincerely,

Steve Madrone, Chair
Humboldt County board of Supervisors

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