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Honorable Richard Gordon
California State Assembly
California State Capitol, Room 3013
Sacramento, CA 95814

AB 1970 (Gordon) – As introduced February 19, 2014 – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblyman Gordon:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 1970, currently pending in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee. This bill would create the Community Investment and Innovation Program, which will provide funding for local governments to develop and implement Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction projects.

San Bernardino County was among the first to develop and adopt a comprehensive GHG Reduction Plan, and in 2007, we implemented *Green County San Bernardino*, which provides incentives, including fee waivers, to residents, business owners and developers who incorporate green technologies and building practices.

A program that dedicates funds for local governments to implement GHG reduction projects is an efficient and effective way to meet the goals mandated by AB 32. AB 1970 would create a competitive grant program that would direct cap-and-trade revenues to programs and projects that have the greatest GHG reductions. We strongly believe any revenues derived from GHG auctions should be directed to projects that reduce GHG emissions.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 1970. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs, at (909) 387-4821.

Sincerely,

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Board of Supervisors Chair
Second District Supervisor
County of San Bernardino

c: Members and Consultants, Assembly Natural Resources Committee
San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation