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March 15, 2016

The Honorable Ted Gaines  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 3070  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 810 (Gaines) – As introduced January 4, 2016 – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Gaines:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 810, which would make it crime for anyone to operate an unmanned aircraft in a manner that prevents or delays the extinguishment of a fire or in any way interferes with the efforts of firefighters to control, contain, or extinguish a fire.

San Bernardino County last year had a number of major wildfires in which firefighting aircraft were grounded due to the irresponsible presence of drones, putting pilots, emergency responders, citizens, property and habitat at risk. SB 810 ensures that drone operators are clear on their responsibilities during an emergency and will be held accountable if they put emergency responders and the public in danger.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 810. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or [jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov](mailto:jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Ramos".

JAMES RAMOS  
Board of Supervisors Chairman  
Third District Supervisor  
County of San Bernardino

c: County of San Bernardino Legislative Delegation

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