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March 13, 2023

The Honorable Catherine Blakespear
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Room 7340
Sacramento, Ca 95814

Re: SB 511 (Blakespear) Greenhouse gas emissions inventories. – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Blakespear:

The County of Monterey is pleased to support your measure Senate Bill (SB) 511. This bill would direct the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to prepare inventories of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for use by cities and counties to use in the preparation of Climate Action Plans (CAPs) and to prioritize the use of funding and resources to achieve optimal reductions of GHG emissions in local communities. Inventories would be especially important to reduce and eliminate disparities and impacts on vulnerable and disadvantaged communities. The bill would provide an appropriation to CARB for this purpose.

SB 511 will fill a significant gap in the work done by local governments to address climate change. While important actions have been taken and resources allocated at the state level, it is local communities that are on the front line of meeting the climate change challenge. While some local governments, in preparing CAPs and prioritizing their efforts to reduce GHG emissions, have the expertise and resources to produce their own GHG emission inventories, the vast majority of local governments do not.

This bill, in directing CARB to assemble and share GHG emission inventories with local governments, will provide critical data essential to the task of drafting the best CAPs possible and making the best decisions on the application of available resources to benefit communities.

For these reasons, County of Monterey strongly supports your measure SB 511. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the County of Monterey's Public Policy Advisor, Ashley Walker of Nossaman LLP at 916-442-8888.

Sincerely,

Luis A. Alejo, Chair
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