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May 15, 2023

The Honorable Anna Caballero
1021 O Street, Room 7620
Sacramento, Ca 95814

Re: SB 800 (Caballero) Advanced Air Mobility and Aviation Electrification Committee – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Caballero:

The County of Monterey is pleased to support your measure Senate Bill (SB) 800. This bill would create the Advanced Air Mobility and Aviation Electrification Committee, to assess current federal and state law and any potential changes to state law to facilitate the development of operations electrification and infrastructure in California.

Current modes of transporting and goods are slow, inefficient and create pollution. In congested urban centers ground transportation has become increasingly difficult. Urban Air Mobility (UAM), also known as Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), is a broad concept enabling consumers access to on-demand air mobility, cargo and package delivery, healthcare applications, and emergency services through an integrated and connected multimodal transportation network. UAM is a new, innovative mode of transportation that will galvanize and modernize the future of mobility for passengers and cargo by relying on underutilized aerial transit routes. UAM will reduce the current burden on infrastructure, decrease traffic congestion, and lower harmful emissions.

SB 800 would create the Advanced Air Mobility and Aviation Electrification Committee, to assess current state law and any potential changes to state law that are needed to facilitate the development of Advanced Air Mobility operations and infrastructure in California. In anticipation of future plans to test this technology in California, there have been calls to study any potential changes to state law that are needed to facilitate the development of this industry and create a safe and efficient regulatory system. This measure will direct the California Department of Transportation to appoint committee members from across the state representing law enforcement, transportation experts, the AAM industry, local governments, and the public.

For these reasons, the County of Monterey strongly supports your measure SB 800. 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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