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September 20, 2023

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1020 N Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, Ca 95814

Re: SB 800 (Caballero) Advanced Air Mobility and Aviation Electrification Committee. - REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Newsom:

The County of Monterey is pleased to support Senate Bill (SB) 800 by Senator Anna Caballero and requests your signature on this measure. SB 800 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 potential changes to state law needed to facilitate 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 potential changes to state law needed to facilitate 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.

It is for these reasons that the County of Monterey supports SB 800 and requests your signature on this important measure. 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,

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