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*Anna G. Eshoo
Fourteenth District
California*

February 2, 2012

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, California 94612-2530

Dear *Doug* Mr. Bosco,

I'm writing to express my strong support for the California State Parks Foundation's grant to restore and reopen the historic Pigeon Point Lighthouse located in San Mateo County, California in my Congressional District.

As you may know, Pigeon Point Lighthouse is located along one of the most ecologically diverse coastlines in the world, and has long been considered one of the most beautiful lighthouse structures on the Pacific Coast. The Lighthouse was built in 1872 by the federal government as a beacon for mariners coming to San Francisco, and with the exception of a short break during World War II, has remained in continuous operation.

Today, Pigeon Point Lighthouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Landmarks and contains one of the most well preserved first-order Fresnel lenses on the West Coast. In addition to its historic significance, Pigeon Point plays a significant role in connecting nearly 100,000 park visitors with the area's unique coastal landscape and abundant wildlife.

Unfortunately, 140 years of exposure to wind, rain, sun, fog, and sea mist have taken their toll. In December 2001, heavy sections of the Lighthouse tower's upper iron belt course broke off. For safety reasons, Pigeon Point Lighthouse has remained closed to the public since that time. Investigations by a historic preservation firm have determined that a comprehensive restoration is needed to correct these structural deficiencies and prevent the structure's collapse.

Pigeon Point lighthouse is an icon and a historic landmark of our coastline. I respectfully request that you give the California State Parks Foundation's grant application your highest consideration and I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Most gratefully,

Anna G. Eshoo
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Member of Congress

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January 30, 2012

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
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RE: Pigeon Point Light Station Restoration/Coastal Conservancy Grant Application

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by the California State Parks Foundation for a Coastal Conservancy grant for the restoration of the historic Pigeon Point Light Station.

Located in San Mateo County along one of the most ecologically diverse coastlines in the world, Pigeon Point Light Station has long been considered one of the most beautiful lighthouse structures on the Pacific Coast. It was built in 1872 as a beacon for mariners coming to San Francisco, and with the exception of short break during World War II, has remained in continuous operation.

Today the 115-ft tall Pigeon Point Lighthouse serves as a stunning landmark for the millions of people traveling along California's coastal Highway 1 each year. Originally designed by French architect Phineas F. Marston, Pigeon Point's Lighthouse and other structures are listed on the National Register of Historic Landmarks. The Lighthouse contains one of the most well preserved first-order Fresnel lenses on the West Coast. In addition to its historic significance, Pigeon Point plays a significant role in connecting more than 100,000 park visitors each year with the area's unique coastal landscape and abundant wildlife.

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Sadly, 140 years of exposure to wind, rain, sun, fog, and sea mist have taken their toll on Pigeon Point Light Station. In December 2001, heavy sections of the Lighthouse Tower's upper iron belt course broke off. For safety reasons, the Lighthouse has remained closed to the public since that time. Recent investigations by Architectural Resources Group revealed that due to the complex composite iron and masonry construction system at the top of the Lighthouse, there are no simple interim measures available to stabilize the structure. A comprehensive rehabilitation of the building is needed as soon as possible.

Fortunately, the timely transfer of Pigeon Point Light Station and its surrounding lands to California State Parks presents a tremendous opportunity to conduct the comprehensive restoration needed to reopen this valuable public resource. Currently the California State Parks Foundation is spearheading a multi-million dollar fundraising campaign in partnership with State Parks in order to restore and reopen the lighthouse.

I commend this demonstration of regional cooperation and I hope the Coastal Conservancy will support this very worthwhile project and give this grant application every favorable consideration.

Sincerely,



Senator Joseph Simitian
State Senator, Eleventh District

cc: Elizabeth Goldstein, President, California State Parks Foundation

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February 6, 2012

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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**Subject: California State Park Foundation's grant application for the
Pigeon Point Light Station Restoration Project**

Dear Chairman Bosco,

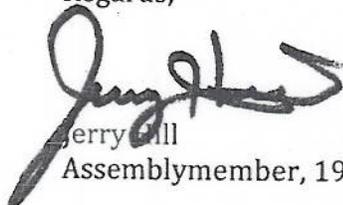
I write in enthusiastic support of California State Park Foundation's request to receive funds that would go towards the construction drawings needed to restore the Pigeon Point Lighthouse, located in San Mateo County.

Pigeon Point Lighthouse is considered one of the most beautiful lighthouse structures on the Pacific Coast. For safety reasons, the Lighthouse has remained closed to the public since its upper iron belt course broke off in 2001. Unfortunately, due to 140 years of exposure to wind, rain, sun, fog and sea mist, a comprehensive rehabilitation of the building is needed as soon as possible. Preceding that step, however, construction drawings must be prepared for the restoration.

The California State Parks Department recently acquired the Pigeon Point Lighthouse and its surrounding lands, and the Parks Foundation is spearheading a fundraising campaign in order to restore and reopen the lighthouse.

I strongly recommend that you approve grant funding for this project, so that residents and visitors to San Mateo County can experience the Pigeon Point Lighthouse. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,


Jerry Hill
Assemblymember, 19th District

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County of San Mateo

January 27, 2012

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to voice my support for the California State Parks Foundation's efforts to restore Pigeon Point Lighthouse, a treasured San Mateo Coast landmark.

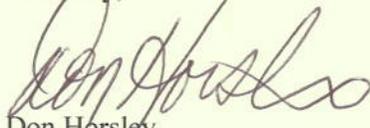
Located just south of Pescadero along one of the most ecologically diverse coastlines in the world, Pigeon Point Lighthouse has long been considered one of the most beautiful lighthouse structures on the Pacific Coast. It was built in 1872 as a beacon for mariners coming to San Francisco, and with the exception of short break during World War II, has remained in continuous operation. Originally designed by French architect Phineas F. Marston, Pigeon Point Lighthouse and its other structures are listed on the National Register of Historic Landmarks. The Lighthouse contains one of the most well preserved first-order Fresnel lenses on the West Coast. In addition to its historic significance, Pigeon Point plays a significant role in connecting nearly 100,000 annual park visitors with the area's unique coastal landscape and abundant wildlife.

Sadly, 140 years of exposure to wind, rain, sun, fog, and sea mist have taken their toll on Pigeon Point Light Station. In December 2001, heavy sections of the Lighthouse tower's upper iron belt course broke off. For safety reasons, the Lighthouse has remained closed to the public since that time. Investigations by historic preservation firm Architectural Resources Group revealed that in order to correct these structural deficiencies and prevent the structure's collapse, a comprehensive restoration is needed as soon as possible.

Fortunately, the California State Parks Foundation is spearheading a multi-million dollar fundraising campaign in partnership with State Parks in order to restore and reopen the lighthouse.

I wholeheartedly endorse the California State Parks Foundation's efforts, and hope the California State Coastal Conservancy will support this very worthwhile project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Don Horsley
Supervisor, San Mateo County



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January 30, 2012

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
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Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to voice California State Parks' strong support for the Pigeon Point Light Station Restoration Project and California State Park Foundation's Coastal Conservancy grant application seeking funding for this important effort.

Located in San Mateo County along one of the most ecologically diverse coastlines in the world, Pigeon Point Light Station has long been considered one of the most beautiful lighthouse structures on the Pacific Coast. It was built in 1872 as a beacon for mariners coming to San Francisco, and with the exception of short break during World War II, has remained in continuous operation. Today the 115-ft tall Pigeon Point Lighthouse serves as a stunning landmark for the millions of people traveling along California's coastal Highway 1 each year. Originally designed by French architect Phineas F. Marston, Pigeon Point's Lighthouse and other structures are listed on the National Register of Historic Landmarks. The Lighthouse contains one of the most well preserved first-order Fresnel lenses on the West Coast. In addition to its historic significance, Pigeon Point plays a significant role in connecting more than 100,000 park visitors each year with the area's unique coastal landscape and abundant wildlife.

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Fortunately, the timely transfer of Pigeon Point Light Station and its surrounding lands to California State Parks presents a tremendous opportunity to conduct the comprehensive restoration needed to reopen this valuable public resource. Currently the California State Parks Foundation is spearheading a multi-million dollar fundraising campaign in partnership with State Parks in order to restore and reopen the lighthouse.

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California State Parks wholeheartedly endorses their efforts and hopes the Coastal Conservancy will support this very worthwhile project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ruth Coleman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "C".

Ruth Coleman
Director, California State Parks

cc: Elizabeth Goldstein, President, California State Parks Foundation

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January 26, 2012

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to voice the National Trust for Historic Preservation's strong support for California State Park Foundation's efforts to restore the historic the Pigeon Point Light Station.

Located on the San Mateo County coastline, Pigeon Point Light Station has long been considered one of the most beautiful lighthouse structures on the Pacific Coast. Built in 1872 as a beacon for mariners coming to San Francisco, Pigeon Point Lighthouse is an excellent example of classic mid-19th century American lighthouse architecture. Today, Pigeon Point Lighthouse is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Sadly, 140 years of exposure to wind, rain, sun, fog, and sea mist have taken their toll on Pigeon Point Light Station. In December 2001, heavy sections of the Lighthouse tower's upper iron belt course broke off. For safety reasons, the Lighthouse has remained closed to the public since that time.

The California State Parks Foundation is spearheading a multi-million dollar fundraising campaign in partnership with State Parks in order to restore and reopen the lighthouse. The National Trust for Historic Preservation and American Express awarded the Foundation a \$54,000 Partners in Preservation grant which enabled them to successfully complete a window repair and restoration project, but a comprehensive rehabilitation is needed as soon as possible to save this iconic coastal treasure.

The National Trust wholeheartedly endorses the California State Park Foundation's efforts and hopes the Coastal Conservancy will support this very worthwhile project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Anthony Veerkamp
Senior Program Officer

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San Mateo Coast Natural History Association
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January 26, 2012

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco,

The California State Parks Foundation is currently spearheading a multi-million dollar fundraising campaign in partnership with State Parks to restore and repair the historic Pigeon Point Lighthouse. The board of the San Mateo Coast Natural History Association (SMCNHA) fully supports the California State Parks Foundation in this effort. SMCNHA was founded by volunteers in San Mateo County as a non-profit cooperating association to provide support directly to specific coastal State Parks. This includes Pigeon Point Light Station State Historic Park, which receives nearly 100,000 visitors each year.

Located in San Mateo County along one of the most ecologically diverse coastlines in the world, Pigeon Point Lighthouse has long been considered one of the most beautiful lighthouse structures on the Pacific Coast. It was built in 1872 as a beacon for mariners coming to San Francisco, and with the exception of short break during World War II, has remained in continuous operation. Originally designed by French architect Phineas F. Marston, Pigeon Point Lighthouse and its other structures are listed on the National Register of Historic Landmarks. The Lighthouse contains one of the most well-preserved first-order Fresnel lenses on the West Coast. In addition to its historic significance, Pigeon Point plays a significant role in connecting thousands of park visitors with the area's unique coastal landscape and abundant wildlife.

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SMCNHA wholeheartedly endorses the California State Parks Foundation's campaign to restore and reopen the lighthouse, and hopes the California State Coastal Conservancy will support this very worthwhile project. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Joyce Pennell
President, San Mateo Coast Natural History Association

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