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May 6, 2014

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

This letter is to express my support for the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority's (Authority's) application for a \$1 million grant from the State Coastal Conservancy to assist in the purchase of the 1,831-acre United Technologies Corporation property located on Coyote Ridge in Santa Clara County.

Protection of the United Technologies Corporation property on Coyote Ridge achieves the mission of the Authority and implements many of the goals and objectives stated in the Coastal Conservancy's 2013 Strategic Plan. Funds from the Coastal Conservancy grant would assist in paying for the \$9.2 million acquisition of the United Technologies property, which provides critical habitat for 14 rare, threatened or endangered species, and encompasses nearly a fifth of the remaining undeveloped serpentine grassland habitat in Santa Clara County. Coastal Conservancy funds would also assist in the establishment of a system of multiple-use trails on the property.

Acquisition of this property by the Authority would result in the permanent protection of one of the most significant wildlife habitat areas in the Bay Area, as well as provide unparalleled opportunities for public recreation and outdoor environmental education within minutes of downtown San Jose, and I respectfully request the California State Coastal Conservancy's support of the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority's application for grant funds.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Monning".

WILLIAM W. MONNING
Senator, 17th District

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May 12, 2014

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

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR GRANT TO HELP WITH THE PURCHASE 1,831 ACRES
OF LAND IN COYOTE VALLEY

Dear Chairman Bosco:

As the representative for California's 25th Assembly District, I am writing in support of the Santa Clara County Open Spaces Authority's grant proposal for purchase of 1,831 acres of land in Coyote Valley, which resides in my district.

The Santa Clara Open Spaces Authority has been working for almost two years towards the goal of purchasing this property from United Technology Corporation and has submitted a funding request to the Coastal Conservancy for help with the purchase. The property is location on the Coyote Ridge portion of the Diablo Range in Santa Clara County. Acquisition by the Authority would result in the protection of one of the most significant wildlife habitat areas in the Bay Area.

I am fully behind Open Spaces Authority's efforts to secure grant funding for this project. It's important that local organizations work cohesively to promote positive changes within our communities. I hope that this request meets your critical funding criteria.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my district office at (510) 440-9030.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve you in the Assembly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert A. Wieckowski".

Bob Wieckowski

Assemblymember, 25th District



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ZOE LOFGREN
19TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

May 15, 2014

Douglas Bosco
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco and Members of the Board:

I am writing in support of the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority's ("Authority") grant application to the State of California Coastal Conservancy. The granted funds would help purchase the 1,831-acre United Technologies Corporation property located on the dramatic Coyote Ridge in Santa Clara County, California. With this acquisition the Authority can permanently protect one of the most significant wildlife habitat areas in the Bay Area. This space provides an unparalleled opportunity for public recreation and outdoor environmental education within minutes of downtown San Jose.

The Authority conserves the natural environment, supports agriculture, and connects people to nature, by protecting open spaces, natural areas, and working farms and ranches for future generations. Since its establishment in 1993, the Authority has protected over 16,000 acres of open space. I believe this Coyote Ridge acquisition would both achieve the mission of the Authority and many of the Coastal Conservancy's goals as stated in the 2013 Strategic Plan.

It is my understanding that the property provides critical habitat for 14 rare, threatened or endangered species. These include the California tiger salamander and California red-legged frog, as well as tule elk, burrowing owls, golden eagles, and many other raptors. The property encompasses nearly a fifth of the remaining undeveloped serpentine grassland habitat in Santa Clara County, and is considered vital to the recovery of serpentine-dependent species including the federally-threatened Bay checkerspot butterfly and federally-endangered Metcalf Canyon jewelflower.

In addition to its significant natural resources, acquisition of the property would provide new opportunities for future public recreation and environmental interpretation. Taking advantage of existing ranch roads, the Authority plans to establish a system of multiple-use trails on the property, including a new 3.8-mile section of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. Based on its dramatic scenery and close proximity to such a large urban area, such a trail system would likely benefit many thousands of visitors per year.

The Authority serves an important role in our community and in the region. This property provides a tremendous preservation opportunity, and I encourage you to give full and fair consideration to the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority's grant application.

Sincerely,



Zoe Lofgren
Member of Congress