



September 7, 2016

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1386 (Wolk): Natural and working lands- REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Brown:

The undersigned organizations respectfully request your signature on Senate Bill 1386. This bill declares it to be state policy that protecting and managing natural and working lands is an important strategy to meet California's greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals.

In your 2015 inaugural address, you noted that management of natural and working lands was one of his key strategies to reduce GHG emissions to meet California's landmark emissions reduction goal. Other strategies included reducing petroleum use in cars and trucks by up to 50 percent and reducing short-lived climate pollutants. The conservation and management of natural and working lands play an important part in reducing GHG emissions as these lands remove carbon from the air and store—or sequester—that carbon in above and below-ground matter. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California Department of Food and Agriculture, California Strategic Growth Council, and other state bodies have programs in place to undertake carbon sequestration on natural and working lands using Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) dollars. However, the protection and management of natural and working lands is not codified as a state policy that would last beyond this Administration.

By establishing as a state policy that investment in the protection and restoration of natural and working lands is a key strategy to meet the state's climate change goals, SB 1386 will ensure that this important strategy remains a key part of California's emission reduction efforts and will better enable investment in carbon sequestration projects on natural and working lands. These kinds of projects on natural and working

lands also provide important additional public benefits such as the protection and enhancement of wildlife habitat, parks and open space; recreational and economic opportunities; production of food and fiber; improvement of air and water quality; and flood protection.

For these reasons we respectfully request your signature on SB 1386. Thank you for your time and consideration of the bill, and for all the effort you and your administration have put in protecting California's natural and working lands.

Sincerely,



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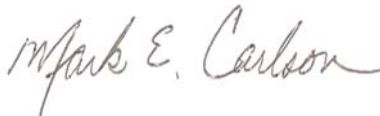
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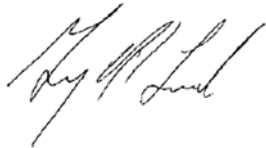
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