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Dear Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County,

There are 125 cities across California with bans, and a further 76 with moratoriums. Additional cities and counties are enacting bans and moratoriums almost daily. Clearly, cities and counties across the state are deciding that dispensaries are wrong for their communities.

We are one of but a handful of counties in the state with an ordinance permitting dispensaries. At least 15 counties have banned dispensaries to date. You are no doubt aware of our efforts in the city of Santa Barbara to enact an immediate moratorium on dispensaries, and abandon the retail sales model. Santa Barbara was the only city in the county that permitted dispensaries. All of the other incorporated areas in the county have moratoriums or bans in place.

We applaud the actions of Supervisors Gray and Wolf to direct staff to study the effects of dispensaries on unincorporated areas. We are aware of 6 dispensaries in the unincorporated area of the county, concentrated in the Goleta and Summerland areas. There are also at least 3 mobile delivery services, not regulated by any county or city ordinance. The recent discovery and eradication of enormous county grows by the Sheriff point to two immediate effects of dispensaries: one, the Mexican cartels are moving their operations north to be closer to dispensaries, and two, our national forests are no longer safe for hikers, backpackers, and camping. **This is disastrous.** Having worked this issue in Santa Barbara, and other cities, we have developed quite a lot of knowledge about dispensaries, their operations, and their effects, and are willing to extend any assistance needed to your staff in this area.

We, the undersigned, therefore urge you to introduce a moratorium next Tuesday, December 8, 2009, and to adopt it immediately.

Respectfully,

PEDRO NAVA
Assemblymember, 35th District

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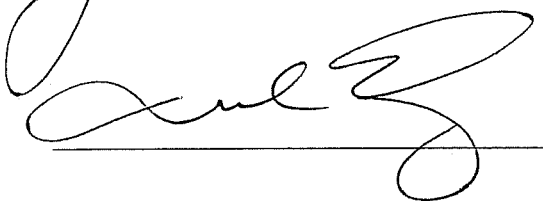
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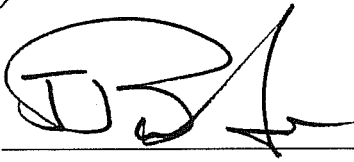
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