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October 7, 2016

Mr. Malcolm Dougherty
Director
California Department of Transportation
1120 N Street, MS 49
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Dougherty:

I write to express my enthusiastic support for Santa Barbara County's application for Caltrans to designate 21 miles of Highway 101 on the Gaviota Coast as a State Scenic Highway. This designation would apply to the section of Highway 101 from the City of Goleta's western-most boundary to Route 1 at Las Cruces.

The purpose of the proposed designation is to recognize the scenic and visual qualities along the Gaviota Coast/Highway 101 corridor. One need only drive this stretch of highway to appreciate its scenic beauty. As one of the last remnants of Southern California's undeveloped coastline, it is not only rare, but rich in cultural, biological, and geological resources, further enhancing its scenic value.

The proposed State Scenic Highway designation is intended to highlight, promote, and preserve the natural and visual resources unique to the Gaviota Coast and designation of this portion of highway is certainly justified by the region's beauty.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hannah-Beth Jackson".

HANNAH-BETH JACKSON
State Senator, 19th District

Cc: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

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