



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

March 29, 2019

The Honorable Adam Schiff
U.S. House of Representatives
2269 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Letter of Support for H.R. 1708 - Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act

Dear Representative Schiff:

I would like to express my support for the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act H.R. 1708, which would expand the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area by approximately 191,000 acres to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor – including parts of the Los Angeles River.

This corridor is a critically important area that connects wilderness areas threatened by development and provides recreational activities for all of Southern California's 18 million residents. This National Recreation Area includes the Los Angeles River through the San Fernando Valley and supports the important goal to complete the LA RiverWay trail system through the Valley, a critical piece of the overall 51-mile public access network.

The Act will further educate the public concerning the importance of our public lands, enable better protection of natural resources and habitats, and provide Angelenos improved access to nature for recreational and educational purposes. This legislation is the result of a years-long study conducted by the National Park Service with community and stakeholder input. It will help local governments, landowners, and conservation organizations preserve our beautiful open space and increase access to public lands while respecting private property rights and local governmental authorities.

I am pleased that the legislation has been introduced in the House of Representatives and look forward to its passage from both the House and Senate so that the lands, wildlife, and recreation opportunities in and around our communities are protected for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'E' and 'G' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor, City of Los Angeles

CITY OF BURBANK

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

March 27, 2019

Honorable Adam Schiff
245 East Olive Avenue
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Burbank, CA 91502

Dear Congressman Schiff:

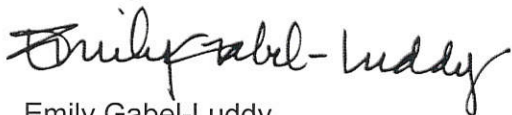
As the Mayor of the City of Burbank, I would like to express my support for the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (H.R. 1708 and S. 774), which would expand the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area by approximately 191,000 acres to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor. This corridor is a critically important area that connects wilderness areas threatened by development and provides recreational activities for all of Southern California's 18 million residents.

The proposed legislation will help local governments, land owners, and conservation organizations preserve our beautiful open space and increase access to public lands while respecting private property rights and local governmental authorities. The City of Burbank continues to work in partnership with the State of California, regional and local government entities, as well as private sector and non-profit organizations to preserve, protect, improve, and provide connectivity to the Verdugo Mountains. This bill will enhance the City's efforts to preserve undeveloped land in and around the City to create additional recreational opportunities for generations to come.

I am pleased to read that the legislation excludes modification of local control, including regulations. The local historic trail regulations afford our local community protections that cross jurisdictional boundaries. Los Angeles and Burbank have worked hard to maintain them. This legislation will ensure continued local protection of our trails, like those found at Griffith Park.

I am pleased that the legislation has bipartisan support in the House of Representatives and look forward to its passage from both the House and Senate.

Sincerely,



Emily Gabel-Luddy
Mayor, City of Burbank

cc: Jennifer Quan, League Regional Public Affairs Manager (via email)
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March 26, 2019

The Honorable Adam B. Schiff
Member of Congress, 28th District
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Dear Congressman Schiff:

On behalf of the City of Glendale, I would like to express our support for the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (H.R. 1708, 116th Congress), which would expand the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area by approximately 191,000 acres to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor. This corridor is a critically important area that connects wilderness areas threatened by development and provides recreational activities for all of Southern California's 18 million residents.

This legislation is the result of a years-long study conducted by the National Park Service, coupled with input from local communities and interested stakeholders. It will help local governments, land owners, and conservation organizations preserve our beautiful open space and increase access to public lands while respecting private property rights and local governmental authorities.

Glendale has always taken great interest in this legislation, given that the City's Verdugo Mountains, San Rafael Hills, Deukmejian Wilderness Park in the San Gabriel Mountains, and a portion of the Los Angeles River are all in the proposed boundary of the Rim of the Valley Unit. This expansion will provide more recreational opportunities for a broad range of residents in Glendale and throughout the region.

We are pleased that the legislation has broad local support, and look forward to its passage from both the House and Senate so that the lands, wildlife, and recreation opportunities in and around our communities are protected for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Zareh Sinanyan".

Zareh Sinanyan
Mayor
City of Glendale



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March 27, 2019

The Hon. Adam Schiff
Congressman, 28th District
245 E. Olive Avenue, #200
Burbank, CA 91502

Dear Representative Schiff:

The City would like to express our support for the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (H.R. 1708), which would expand the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area by approximately 191,000 acres to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor. This corridor is a critically important area that connects wilderness areas threatened by development and provides recreational activities for all of Southern California's 18 million residents.

This legislation is the result of a years-long study conducted by the National Park Service, coupled with input from local communities and interested stakeholders. It will help local governments, land owners, and conservation organizations preserve our beautiful open space and increase access to public lands while respecting private property rights and local governmental authorities.

We are pleased that the legislation has broad regional support in the House of Representatives and look forward to its passage from both the House and Senate so that the lands, wildlife, and recreation opportunities in and around our communities are protected for generations to come.

Thank you for this legislation and for all you do for our residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Mark R. Alexander". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mark R. Alexander
City Manager

c. City Council



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RE: H.R. 1708 - S. 774 Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act -- SUPPORT

Dear Senator Feinstein and Congressman Schiff:

I am writing you to express the City of West Hollywood's support for the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act H.R. 1708 and its companion Senate Bill S. 774, which would expand the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area by approximately 191,000 acres to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor. This corridor is a critically important area that connects wilderness areas threatened by development and provides recreational activities for all of Southern California's 18 million residents.

These legislative initiatives are the result of a years-long study conducted by the National Park Service, coupled with input from local communities and interested stakeholders. The legislation will help local governments, land owners, and conservation organizations preserve our beautiful open space and increase access to public lands while respecting private property rights and local governmental authorities.

We are pleased that both pieces of legislation have bipartisan support in the House of Representatives and look forward to its passage from both the House and Senate so that the lands, wildlife, and recreation opportunities in and around our communities are protected for generations to come, and for all Californians to enjoy.

Respectfully,

John D'Amico,
MAYOR

C: Hon. Kamala Harris, D-California





OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

March 25, 2019

The Honorable Adam Schiff
United States House of Representatives
2372 Rayburn House
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support H.R. 1708/S. 774 (Schiff) Rim of the Valley Corridor


Dear Representative Schiff:

On behalf of the City of Pasadena, I am writing to state our support of H.R. 1708/S. 774. This bill would expand the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor. Increasing the boundaries would provide new opportunities for the National Park Service to serve a broad range of urban communities, including the City of Pasadena.

This bill is the result of a comprehensive study conducted by the National Park Service (NPS) to assess the suitability and feasibility of expanding the Santa Monica Mountain National Recreation Area to include all or a portion of the Rim of the Valley Corridor. The process included the input of local communities and interested stakeholders. The study recommended doubling the size of the existing recreation area and including Pasadena lands. Potential benefits to Pasadena include open space preservation assistance, capital projects such as habitat restoration and recreational trails, and regional collaboration and technical assistance.

This bill is consistent with our City's 2019 Legislative Platform, which specifies this proposed legislation. The City of Pasadena has supported the NPS study and offers its support for H.R. 1708/S.744 as it would provide the greatest potential protections, enhancements and opportunities for the region.

Sincerely,


TERRY TORNEK
Mayor

cc: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein
U.S. Senator Kamala Harris
Representative Judy Chu

Steve Mermell, City Manager
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The Honorable Adam Schiff
Member of Congress
2269 Rayburn House Office Building
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SUBJECT: H.R. 1708: SUPPORT

Dear Representative Schiff:

On behalf of the City of Santa Clarita, California, I am writing to express the City Council's support for H.R. 1708, which, as you know, is scheduled to be considered by the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 2, 2019.

The City of Santa Clarita (City) has been working closely for a number of years on this critical issue, particularly as it impacts our community. This important effort to expand the boundaries of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include portions of our area within the Rim of the Valley Corridor is deeply appreciated and most welcome.

The expansion of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, as proposed in H.R. 1708, will recognize the City's efforts to work in partnership with the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, state, regional and local government entities, as well as the private sector and non-profit organizations to preserve, protect, enhance and provide connectivity to existing federal resources.

As of the beginning of this year, the City has acquired nearly 11,000 acres of open space with the intent to provide our residents with unparalleled recreational opportunities, while enhancing and creating access opportunities with existing open space ownerships. H.R. 1708 will continue to enhance the City's efforts to preserve open space in and around the City and create interconnectivity with the Angeles National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.



The Honorable Adam Schiff

March 27, 2019

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Thank you for your ongoing commitment to this important issue and for continuing to support the City of Santa Clarita. Should you or your staff require any additional information regarding the City of Santa Clarita's support for H.R. 1708, please contact Michael Murphy, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, at (661) 255-4384 or mmurphy@santa-clarita.com.

Sincerely,



Marsha McLean
Mayor

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cc: Members of the City Council
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Kamala Harris
Representative Katie Hill
Kenneth W. Striplin, City Manager
Leadership Team
Michael Murphy, Intergovernmental Relations Manager
John O'Donnell, Washington Representative

March 26, 2019

Honorable Adam B. Schiff
Congressman, 28th District
2269 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: RIM OF THE VALLEY PRESERVATION ACT – H.R. 1708/S. 774

Dear Representative Schiff:

On behalf of the City of Thousand Oaks, we would like to express our support for the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (H.R. 1708/ S. 774), which would expand the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area by approximately 191,000 acres to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor. This corridor is a critically important area that connects wilderness areas threatened by development and provides recreational activities for all of Southern California's 18 million residents.

This legislation is the result of a years-long study conducted by the National Park Service, coupled with input from local communities and interested stakeholders. It will help local governments, land owners, and conservation organizations preserve our beautiful open space and increase access to public lands while respecting private property rights and local governmental authorities.

The City of Thousand Oaks is surrounded by 15,000 acres of open space. The open space links to both the Los Padres National Forest and Angeles National Forest expanding the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. It protects the vital Rim of the Valley Trail that is included in the proposed expansion and connects to other trails around the region, including the City's trail system, enriching the Santa Monica Mountains as a destination point for recreational opportunities such as hiking, biking, horseback riding, nature walks, etc.

Expansion would also protect key wildlife corridors between both National Forests and preserve their native habitat for increased wildlife survivability (e.g. mountain lions are a dying breed and this connectivity supports their survivability). The connectivity also enhances visibility both nationally and internationally. Expansion of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area will drive greater protection of resources and increase financial and technical support, including federal funds towards open space management and preservation.

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The City of Thousand Oaks has been working jointly with other cities in the Santa Monica Mountains sphere to make the area a tourist/destination spot. This expansion illustrates that even within an urban region, open space preservation is critical and connectivity to the surrounding national forests bring nature and wildlife closer to urban communities. The Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation would enhance the recreational opportunities for residents but also encourage visitors to travel to the region to enjoy.

We look forward to its passage from both the House and Senate so that the lands, wildlife, and recreation opportunities in and around our communities are protected for generations to come.

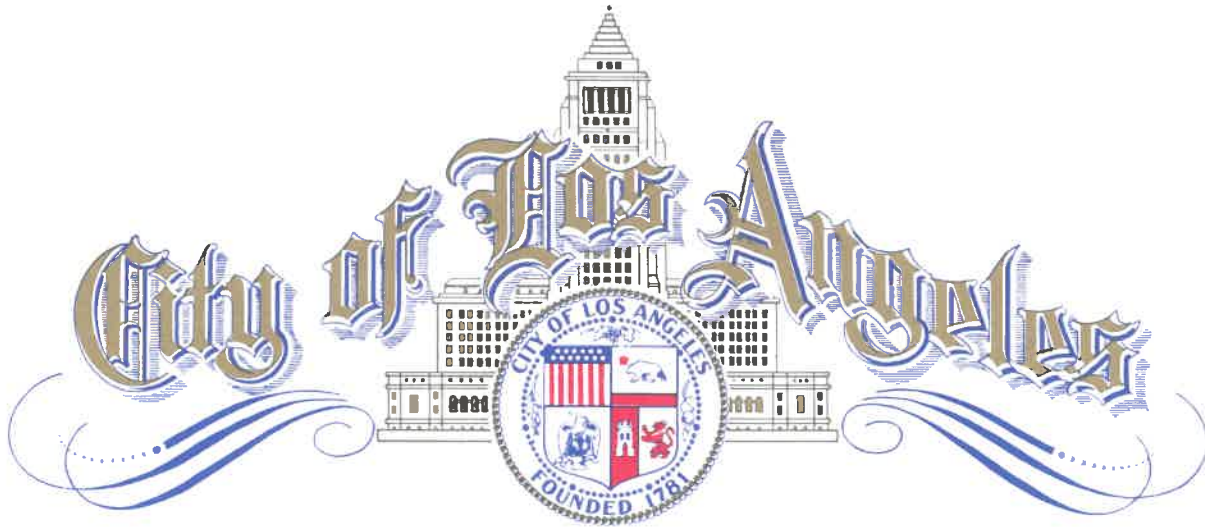
Sincerely,



Andrew P. Powers
City Manager

c: Congresswoman Julia Brownley
Jim Crum, VP, Van Scoyoc Associates





March 28, 2019

The Honorable Congressman Adam Schiff
United States House of Representatives
2269 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Schiff:

I would like to express my support for the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (H.R. 1708), which would expand the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area by approximately 191,000 acres to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor. This corridor is a critically important area that connects wilderness areas threatened by development and provides recreational activities for all of Southern California's 18 million residents.

This legislation will help local governments, landowners, and conservation organizations preserve our beautiful open space and increase access to public lands while respecting private property rights and local governmental authorities.

The unique communities located within the 7th Council District of the City of Los Angeles will benefit greatly from this legislation. Expansion of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area will create access and new opportunities for communities that are underrepresented in national park land.

I look forward to its passage by both the House and Senate so that the lands, wildlife, and recreation opportunities in and around our communities are protected for current and future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica Rodriguez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Monica Rodriguez
Los Angeles City Councilwoman, 7th District



DAVID E. RYU
COUNCILMEMBER, FOURTH DISTRICT

March 21, 2019

Honorable Adam Schiff
U.S. Congressman, 28th District
2269 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: SUPPORT FOR RIM OF THE VALLEY CORRIDOR PRESERVATION ACT (H.R. 1708)

Dear Honorable Congressman Schiff,

Thank you for your extensive work in initiating the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (H.R. 1708) and the proposed expansion of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA).

I am writing in strong support of the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act, which would provide for enhanced protections and the expansion of preservation efforts for the Rim's significant natural and cultural resources. Expanding the SMMNRA to include 313,000 additional acres will protect regional wildlife corridors and connectivity which are essential for preserving and enhancing biodiversity.

Additionally, it will foster collaboration and cooperation between the National Park Service and local communities, ensuring that future generations can continue to enjoy our local parks, open spaces and cultural treasures – while having zero impact on private property rights or local land use authorities.

Thank you for your vision, leadership and efforts to protect our public lands and improve the quality of life for people and wildlife throughout the region.

Sincerely,

David E. Ryu
Councilmember, District Four



county of ventura

March 22, 2019

The Honorable Adam Schiff
U.S. House of Representatives
2269 Rayburn HOB
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Dear Representative Schiff:

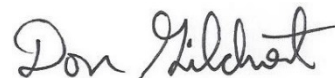
I am writing on behalf of the County of Ventura in support of H.R. 1708, the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act.

Thank you for sponsoring H.R. 1708 to preserve 193,000 acres of the Rim of the Valley Corridor and add it to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, stretching from the Simi Hills in Ventura County through the Santa Susana Mountains to the San Gabriel Mountains, and more than doubling the green space in the Santa Monica Mountains NRA. It would provide protection for historical resources, Native American sites, endangered species and wildlife corridors, and connect greater Los Angeles and parts of Ventura County through multi-use trails. The bill calls for capital improvements, such as trails and roads; monitoring wildlife and acquiring land through donation, exchange or purchase.

The expansion of the SMMNRA boundaries in H.R. 1708 respects private property rights and existing local land use authorities. It would not require a land owner to participate in any conservation or recreation activities, and it would not put any additional restrictions on property owners. The bill does not allow for land acquisition through eminent domain.

Please continue to work with your colleagues on the House Natural Resources Committee to expedite consideration of H.R. 1708 or similar legislation that would add the Rim of the Valley Corridor to the Santa Monica Mountains NRA.

Sincerely yours,



Don Gilchrest
Washington Representative

DWG: awg

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS SHEILA KUEHL
AND KATHRYN BARGER

APRIL 2, 2019

Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act

In 2008, Congress directed the National Park Service to study the Rim of the Valley Corridor – a collection of mountainous areas encircling the San Fernando, Santa Clarita, Simi and Conejo Valleys. The study was designed to analyze the feasibility of designating the lands within the corridor as a unit of the existing Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA). The Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (H.R. 1708) adopts the results of the study and expands the existing National Recreation Area.

H.R. 1708 will allow the National Park Service to invest federal resources in improving and preserving public access to nature, enhancing public education and recreation opportunities, and participating in conservation and resource protection activities. Lands within National Recreation Areas are subject to private property rights as well as local land use authority. H.R. 1708 prohibits land acquisition by eminent domain.

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The Rim of the Valley study area is an important resource to the County because nearly 47 percent of all Californians live within a two hour drive of its lands. The spaces within the Rim of the Valley include critical habitat for our County's beloved mountain lions, bobcats, fox, badger, and deer as well as many endangered species. The expanded boundaries would provide a vital bridge between our urban core and our magnificent wildlands. The historic Los Angeles River is included in the expanded boundaries which will bring valuable federal park resources and expertise to the revitalization efforts.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors send a five-signature letter to the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation to respectfully request they support H.R. 1708, the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act, which would add more than 191,000 acres of the Rim of the Valley Corridor to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA).

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March 25, 2019

Congressman Adam Schiff
2269 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Schiff:

I want to express my strong support of H.R. 1708, which would add more than 191,000 acres of the Rim of the Valley Corridor to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. The Rim of the Valley is a critically important bridge that connects the cities and suburbs of our metropolis with wilderness areas. As there is more development into wilderness areas, it poses a threat to wildlife that is dependent on these lands.

The additional acreage under H.R. 1708 includes the Arroyo Seco in West Pasadena and a portion of the Chantry Flats hiking area above Sierra Madre, Eaton Canyon in East Pasadena, and the Hahamonga Watershed Park that are within the boundaries of the 41st Assembly District. We hope this legislation will bring additional funds for trail repairs and interpretative services by rangers from the National Park Service. As a member of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Board, I understand the importance of the Conservancy's mission to strategically buy back, preserve, protect, restore, and enhance parts of Southern California to form an interlinking system of urban, rural and river parks, open space, trails, and wildlife habitats that are accessible to the public.

I agree that Congress must protect the Rim of the Valley for future generations and that action on a bipartisan basis is needed to accomplish that important objective. If Congress does not act quickly, this opportunity to preserve the Rim of the Valley will be gone. Thank you for re-introducing the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act.

Sincerely,

Assemblymember Chris Holden
41st Assembly District

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March 25, 2019

Congressman Adam B. Schiff
2269 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Schiff:

As the Chair of the California State Assembly Natural Resources Committee, I would like to express my support for the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (H.R. 1708), which would expand the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area by approximately 191,000 acres to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor. This corridor is a critically important area that connects wilderness areas threatened by development and provides recreational activities for all of Southern California's 18 million residents.

This legislation is the result of a years-long study conducted by the National Park Service, coupled with input from local communities and interested stakeholders. It will help local governments, land owners, and conservation organizations preserve our beautiful open space and increase access to public lands while respecting private property rights and local governmental authorities.

The Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area is the nation's largest urban national park. Every year over 33 million visits are made to the recreation area's pristine parks and world-renowned beaches. The Rim of the Valley Corridor contains accessible recreation trails for the use and enjoyment of the millions of residents in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. The expansion of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include this area would allow for the completion of the Rim of the Valley Trail. This trail will run 150 miles and offer sweeping vistas of the San Fernando Valley and Los Angeles basins. It will also link four mountain ranges.

I am pleased that the legislation has bipartisan support in the House of Representatives and look forward to its passage so that the lands, wildlife, and recreation opportunities in and around our communities are protected for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Friedman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

LAURA FRIEDMAN
Assemblymember, 43rd District

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RICHARD BLOOM
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, FIFTIETH DISTRICT

March 25, 2019

Congressman Adam Schiff
245 E. Olive Ave, #200
Burbank, CA 91502

RE: H.R. 1708 - Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (Support)

Dear Congressman Schiff,

My office has been closely following the development of the National Park Services (NPS) Rim of the Valley Corridor (ROTV) project and your effort to see the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area boundary expansion become reality.

I strongly support the Rim of Valley Corridor Preservation Act (H.R. 1708), which would expand the Santa Monica Mountains Recreation Area by approximately 191,000 acres to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor.

Currently, my office has been working with NPS and many local Stakeholders and State Agencies to build the Liberty Canyon Wildlife Corridor in Agoura Hills, CA. After a decades long process of land acquisition North and South of the 101 Freeway, this wildlife crossing will provide an essential wildlife corridor over the 101 Freeway that will directly, and critically, enhance the ecological balance of wildlife species that roam the existing areas of the SMMNRA, and will see its maximum benefit through the expanded Rim of the Valley Corridor.

NPS has provided very professional and community oriented leadership at SMMNRA over the last decades, and communities in my district within SMMNRA have been well served and are fully supporting the expansion. Many have taken it onto themselves, through community organizations, to reach out to other communities to the north that have questions about living within or adjacent to an expanded SMMNRA.

As it is apparent this legislation has bipartisan support, I look forward to its passage in both the House and the Senate so that the unique wildlife and open space of this region, including its Mountain Lions, rare flora and the First American archeological sites, will be preserved and enjoyed by future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Bloom", written over a horizontal line.

RICHARD BLOOM
Assemblymember, 50th District



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March 22, 2019

The Honorable Adam B. Schiff
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Dear Congressman Schiff:

I would like to express my support for the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (H.R. 1708 / S. 774), which would expand the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) by approximately 191,000 acres to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor. This corridor is a critically-important area that connects wilderness areas threatened by development and provides recreational activities for all of Southern California's 18 million residents.

This legislation is the result of a years-long study conducted by the National Park Service, coupled with input from local communities and interested stakeholders. It will help local governments, land owners and conservation organizations preserve our open space and increase access to public lands while respecting private property rights and local government authorities.

By more than doubling the size of the existing SMMNRA, the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act not only better protects natural resources, habitats and wildlife, but it also promotes physical and mental wellness for everyone. We must transform the experience of urban life by significantly expanding access to parks.

My district contains or adjoins Elysian Park, Elysian Valley, L.A.'s Chinatown, L.A. State Historic Park, El Pueblo de Los Angeles State Historic Park, Arroyo Seco River Corridor and Ernest Debs Regional Park. Adding these areas into the existing SMMNRA would greatly increase the ability of my constituents to access open space and have outdoor experiences.

I am pleased that the legislation has bipartisan support in the House of Representatives and I look forward to its passage from both the House and Senate so that the lands, wildlife and recreation opportunities in and around our communities are protected for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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Wendy Carrillo
Assemblymember, 51st District



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March 27, 2019

Hon. Adam B. Schiff
U.S. Representative, District 28
245 E. Olive Ave, #200
Burbank, CA 91502

Dear Representative Schiff:

I would like to express my support for the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (H.R. 1708 / S. 774), which would expand the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area by approximately 191,000 acres to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor. This corridor is critically important for connecting wilderness areas threatened by development and provides recreational opportunities for Southern California's 18 million residents.

This legislation is the culmination of year of study by the National Park Service and includes input from local communities and interested stakeholders. It will help local governments, land owners, and conservation organizations preserve our beautiful open space, increase access to public lands, and still respect private property rights and local governmental authorities.

California's 25th Senate District encompasses the Angeles National Forest and includes substantial important open space. The Rim of the Valley Unit will therefore benefit the district's wildlife and residents in numerous areas, including the expansive Griffith Park area, Atwater Village and much of the most critical parts of the historic Los Angeles River, communities in the Crescenta Valley, Shadow Hills, and Lake View Terrace, open space in and around Pasadena's Rose Bowl Stadium, the mountains above and around Descanso Gardens in La Cañada Flintridge, Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Hahamongna Watershed Park, the lower Big Tujunga Canyon Wash, the Verdugo Mountains Open Space Preserve, the San Rafael Hills, La Tuna Canyon Park, and Deukmejian Wilderness Park.

I am pleased that the legislation has bipartisan support in the House of Representatives. I look forward to it passing both the House and U.S. Senate so that the lands, wildlife, and recreational opportunities in and around our communities are protected for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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Anthony J. Portantino
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March 27, 2019

Honorable Adam Schiff
Representative, 28th District
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Dear Representative Schiff,

The Rim of the Valley Coalition is writing to express its support for H.R. 1708, the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act and the proposed expansion of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

The Coalition is a network of 50 local, regional and national organizations representing such diverse interests as open space and wildlife conservation, outdoor recreation and education, historic preservation, environmental justice and public health. Its singular focus is the promotion of the Rim of the Valley and educating the public on the benefits it will bring to the over 17 million residents residing in the greater Los Angeles area.

These benefits include enhancing the management of our local parks, open spaces and recreational and cultural resources by including these treasured places in the park's expanded boundaries, and facilitating collaboration between local communities and the National Park Service, which already has a successful forty-year track record in the existing park. By working with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, California State Parks, local cities and other jurisdictions, the Park Service has led efforts to restore native habitat, research and reintroduce endangered wildlife, plan hiking, biking, equestrian and other recreational uses, interpret the region's unique and nationally-significant natural and cultural history, and coordinate recovery efforts in the aftermath of devastating wildfires. Its outreach and youth programs engage thousands of participants each year, and gateway communities benefit from its nearly one million annual visitors.

It's time to expand these benefits to the Rim of the Valley Corridor: from the Santa Susana Mountains in the north, to the Verdugo Mountains in the east, and into our downtown historic district, El Pueblo de Los Angeles. Included in the corridor are iconic places such as the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Griffith Park, critical watersheds such as the Los Angeles River and Arroyo Seco, and fragile strands of native habitat that provide homes for such threatened and endangered species as the red-legged frog, mountain lion and numerous endemic and migratory bird species. The Rim of the Valley also represents

an opportunity to expand access to open space and outdoor recreation to Los Angeles' urban and park-poor communities, while having no impact on private land rights and local land use authorities.

Thank you for being a champion of our region's natural and cultural treasures. We look forward to working with you to pass H.R. 1708 to ensure these places are enjoyed by future generations.

Sincerely,



Dennis G. Arguelles
Chair

Rim of the Valley Coalition Members:

National Parks Conservation Association
Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation
Los Angeles Audubon Society
Community Hiking Club
Natural Resources Defense Council
Sierra Club – Los Padres Chapter
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The City Project
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Sierra Club – San Fernando Valley
Chinese Historical Society of Southern California
API Forward Movement
CA League of Conservation Voters
Poison Free Malibu
California Native Plant Society, Santa Monica
Outward Bound Adventures
Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations
Sky Mountain Volunteers
Public Lands Alliance Network
Van Nuys Neighborhood Council
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April 2, 2019

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Dear Representative Schiff:

Please consider this letter my support for the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (H.R. 1708), which would expand the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area by approximately 191,000 acres to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor. This corridor is a critically important area that connects wilderness areas and provides recreational activities for all of Southern California's 18 million residents.

Built upon a years-long study conducted by the National Park Service and coupled with input from our local communities, the Act will preserve this beautiful open space for all Californians as well as the endangered species that inhabit the area. It will also provide my constituents and the many park-poor residents of Los Angeles with the opportunity to experience enhanced recreational opportunities, in addition to preserving treasured cultural monuments and transforming the LA River.

I look forward to the passage of this legislation and to ensuring that the lands, wildlife, and recreation opportunities in and around our communities are protected for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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Ben Allen
Senator, 26th District