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The Honorable Isaac Bryan
 Chair, Assembly Natural Resources Committee
 1020 N Street, Room 164
 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 867 (Senators Allen, Becker, Gonzalez, Limón, Portantino, and Stern, and Assembly Members Garcia and Wilson) – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Bryan and Honorable Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the undersigned climate, environmental justice, sustainable agriculture, conservation, and other organizations, we write in support of Senate Bill 867 (Senators

Allen, Becker, Gonzalez, Limón, Portantino, and Stern, and Assembly Members Garcia and Wilson). **This bill would place a first-of-its-kind, \$10-billion Climate Resilience Bond on the November 5, 2024 ballot.**

We know you agree: California’s future sits on the edge of a knife. We cannot credibly provide Californians with clean water, clean air, healthy lands, and protection from floods, fires, extreme heat, and other devastating climate impacts with a second year of budget cuts and funding delays. The truth is, even with this bond, every year the legislature and Administration will need to prioritize investments in making vulnerable communities safer and more resilient.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Centers for Environmental Information recently found a rapid increase in the frequency and cost of weather and climate disasters, including in California where the state averaged 1.8 climate events costing at least one billion dollars each between 2019 and 2023. In its 6th Assessment Report, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change finds that without prompt investment in nature, adaptation options that are feasible today will lose their effectiveness in providing benefits to people in the future. **In other words, the time is now. Later is too late.**

Polling confirms that California voters want our state government to ensure clean water, clean air, access to open lands and waters, and healthy sustainably grown food. California voters should have the opportunity to vote for a strong climate bond this November, so they don't have to endure the consequences later. **We respectfully urge you to approve the Climate Resilience bond to place the measure on the November 5, 2024 ballot for voter approval.**

Sincerely,

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