



March 11, 2019

Assembly Member Petrie-Norris  
State Capitol, Room 4144  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 65 (Petrie-Norris) Sea-Level Rise & Green Infrastructure - SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Petrie-Norris:

On behalf of our organizations, we write to support your bill, AB 65, which would direct investment in the use of natural, or “green,” infrastructure along the coasts of California.

AB 65 will continue to broaden California’s diverse approach to mitigating climate change, as there is no one solution to this imminent threat. Our state continues to demonstrate that a thriving economy can coexist with bold environmental policies. We boast the world’s 5<sup>th</sup> largest economy, alongside global leadership on climate change.

The recent Fourth National Climate Assessment of 2018 found disastrous consequences for economies totaling hundreds of billions of dollars by the end of the century. Furthermore, the report revealed that average sea-level has risen by 7-8 inches since 1900, with almost half this rise occurring since 1993. Without substantial progress in our climate policy, sea-level is likely to rise 1-4 feet by the end of the century.

AB 65 will help shape the future and health of our pristine coastline, which attracts millions of tourists and provides Californians a high quality of life. We must invest in green infrastructure along the coast to improve climate change adaptation and combat sea-level rise if we wish to preserve not only our coasts, but our planet.

For these reasons, we support AB 65 and thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

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