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Ventura County Board of Supervisors
800 S. Victoria Ave.
Ventura, CA 93009

Re:  Business Support for Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Movement Corridor Ordinance
     Agenda Item #31, Board of Supervisors Hearing, March 12, 2019

Dear Chair Bennett and Members of the Board:

The long-term survival of wildlife in Ventura County is critical to the success of our beautiful and ecologically-diverse region as it continues to grow and develop. The proposed protections for wildlife corridors you are considering are an important step forward for both the wildlife and the people who call Ventura County home.
Wildlife help ensure that our local ecosystems are healthy. We rely on the places that provide habitat for local plants and animals for clean air, pure water, opportunities for outdoor recreation, and the aesthetic that makes Ventura County such an incredible place in which to live and work. When these ecosystems are functioning properly, we humans—and the companies we represent—reap health and economic benefits.

In short, healthy ecosystems are good for business, good for our employees and their families, and good for the community in which we live, work, and play. We therefore urge you to adopt a strong and effective ordinance that protects wildlife and their habitat throughout Ventura County. This forward-thinking action will ensure that our area’s rich natural heritage is preserved for current and future generations.

Sincerely,

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