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September 7, 2016

Governor Jerry Brown
ATTN: Michael R.O. Martinez, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary
Governor's Office, Legislative Unit
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1304 (HUFF)–PROPERTY TAX: DISASTER RELIEF: PORTER RANCH ▪ REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE ▪

Dear Governor Brown:

I am writing to respectfully request your signature on Senate Bill 1304, which would authorize property tax relief for those impacted by the Porter Ranch gas leak and for individuals who may require property tax relief in similar situations in the future.

As you are well aware, a state of emergency for Los Angeles County was declared on January 6 in response to a natural gas leak discovered in October 2015 at a well within the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility.

Thankfully, the leak has been permanently sealed and many of individuals and families in the San Fernando Valley who were forced to relocate have been able to return to their homes. However, many homes are still being tested and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health continues to monitor the region to identify and mitigate health impacts.

SB 1304 is intended to provide financial relief to owners of property damaged or destroyed by an unforeseeable occurrence beyond their control. As a taxpayer advocate and elected member of the Board of Equalization representing this region, I urge your support of this urgency measure that will take effect upon your signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Runner".

GEORGE RUNNER
1st District

cc: Senator Bob Huff