

Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

Dedicated to the Preservation of the Simi Hills and Santa Susana Mountains

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Honorable Adam Schiff Representative, 28th District 2372 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (H.R. 4086)

The **Santa Susana Mountain Park Association's** (SSMPA's) mission is to preserve and protect the Simi Hills, Santa Susana Mountains and open space surrounding the Greater Los Angeles region. Our organization was formed in 1971, and since that time we have continually monitored projects within our region, advocating for open space. Many of us and our predecessors have striven <u>for decades</u> to make preservation of the Rim of the Valley a reality.

The entire Board of Directors at SSMPA wishes to express our strong support for your **H.R. 4086, Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act.** The passage of the act is an invaluable opportunity to inject some much-needed balance between our region's continuous urban expansion and the preservation of our remaining extraordinary open and natural spaces. We must have both to sustain a healthful quality of life for all residents, humans and wildlife, in our complex environment.

California and the United States cannot allow an opportunity, as rare as the establishment of a legal structure to preserve the Rim of the Valley Corridor, to slip away from us.

Thank you, Congress member Schiff, for your long and continuing leadership on the ROTV, an opportunity to help us all maintain a balanced quality of life in our modern urban world.

Sincerely,

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About Santa Susana Mountain Park Association:

Santa Susana Mountain Park Association is a 45 year-old non-profit organization based in Chatsworth, Los Angeles, California.

We represent approximately 700 members and concerned citizens, and we partner with many organizations to promote ecological and recreational quality in Southern California.

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