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The Honorable Anthony Canella  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 5082  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 193 (Canella): Monterey County Water Resources Agency: Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio: white bass.

Dear Senator Canella,

On behalf of [INSERT NAME OF ORGANIZATION], please accept my support for SB 193 (Canella), a bill that would modify the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Act to allow the incidental passage of white bass from Lake Nacimiento to Lake San Antonio through the Interlake Tunnel, once it is constructed.

The Salinas Valley, in Monterey County, is home to an agricultural industry that contributes approximately \$9 billion to the State's economy. The water supply for the Valley comes from the Salinas River and the associated groundwater basin. The Monterey County Water Resources Agency has built two reservoirs, Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio, to facilitate water storage, flood management, and environmental water needs for the Salinas Valley. These two reservoirs are in close proximity to each other and the County is proposing to construct the Interlake Tunnel and Spillway Modification Project, which would include a two-mile underground tunnel connecting both reservoirs, to increase water storage and reduce flood spill events from Lake Nacimiento.

[Please feel free to include any additional information on the importance of this project.]

Current law does not allow the transfer of live white bass from Lake Nacimiento to any other water body. These regulations seem to be directed at the transporting of fish by humans, not the transfer of white bass through a capital facility or project. The County of Monterey is sponsoring SB 193 Canella) to limit liability, if live white bass from Lake Nacimiento are transferred to Lake San Antonio via the Interlake Tunnel project.

Again, I offer my full support for SB 193 (Canella).

Sincerely,

[NAME, TITLE]