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The Honorable Assemblymember Wilson
Chair, Assembly Transportation Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 3240
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 431 (Wilson) Advanced Air Mobility Infrastructure Act – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Wilson:

On behalf of the County of Monterey, I am writing in support of AB 431 (Wilson) the Advanced Air Mobility Infrastructure Act. The County of Monterey is a significant hub for the advanced air mobility (AAM) industry. We have two prominent electrical vertical takeoff and landing companies (eVTOL), Joby Aviation and Archer Aviation. The region is also home to major AAM users in marine science, defense, agriculture, and infrastructure inspection.

Currently, California lacks a clear, statewide framework to support the growth and integration of AAM technologies. While the FAA oversees airspace, the state has a crucial role in infrastructure planning, local coordination, and public engagement. AB 431 (Wilson) addresses this gap by directing the California Department of Transportation to develop a statewide AAM strategy, designate a local government resource expert, and lead a public education campaign. The bill builds on SB 800 (Caballero, 2023) and lays the groundwork for the successful scaling of this emerging industry.

The Tri-County region has consistently supported AAM as a strategy for economic growth on the Central Coast. In 2021, the [Monterey County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy](#) identified AAM as a key opportunity. It was also highlighted in the region's [Investment Plan for the Regions Rise Together](#) Initiative in 2021 and 2024, which has informed several state and federal grant applications. More recently, the CA Jobs First [Uplift Central Coast Regional Plan Part II](#) included AAM as a way to expand job opportunities for the nearly 60% of Central Coast residents who currently lack access to quality or promising employment.

By investing in legislation like AB 431, we can advance economic inclusion and shared prosperity, ensuring that more Californians have access to sustainable careers. We respectfully urge you to vote AYE on AB 431. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Monterey County's Public Policy Advisor, Ashley Walker of Nossaman LLP, at 916-442-8888.

Sincerely,

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Chris M. Lopez, Chair
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