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The Honorable Dawn Addis
California State Assembly
1020 O Street, Room 5350
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Re: AB 2022 (Addis) Mobilehome parks: emergency preparedness - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Addis:

The County of Monterey is pleased to support your measure Assembly Bill 2022, which would provide emergency preparedness in mobilehome parks throughout the state. This measure will require mobilehome park owners to develop more comprehensive preparedness plans in an effort to protect their vulnerable residents during emergencies and evacuations. Additionally, it requires the owners of these parks to make this information easily accessible to all residents.

In recent years, California has grappled with devastating natural disasters, including wildfires and flooding. Beginning in December 2022, the state experienced severe winter storms, prompting emergency declarations from both the state and federal government. The Central Coast was hit particularly hard – Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Luis Obispo counties were all deemed major disaster areas by President Biden.

Mobilehome parks in these regions were hit especially hard, with many of these disasters leading to a devastating amount of loss of life and property. While existing law requires these parks to have an emergency preparedness plan in place, they do not always consider the specific needs of their residents. This leads to an increase in injuries and fatalities among the elderly and those with mobility-related issues.

AB 2022 will require mobilehome park owners to take into account the residents' ability to access entrances and exits to their park when creating an emergency response plan. This will help make sure that all of the people living in these areas have the knowledge of how to best escape natural disasters and other emergencies while taking their individual needs into account.

For these reasons, the County of Monterey strongly supports AB 2022. 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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Glenn Church, Chair
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