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The Honorable Christopher Cabaldon
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 7320
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT SB 1087 (Cabaldon)-Sustainable Communities Strategies Modernization

Dear Senator Cabaldon,

On behalf of El Dorado County, I am pleased to express our support for your bill, SB 1087. This bill modernizes the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) framework to better deliver the housing, transportation, and climate outcomes California urgently needs.

SB 1087 updates the SCS framework, a plan required by state law (SB 375 Steinberg, 2008) to help regions integrate land-use, transportation, and housing planning to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

At its core, SB 1087 recognizes that the SCS should be more than a compliance exercise. It should serve as a trusted, actionable roadmap for delivering on-the-ground housing, transportation, and climate outcomes. Today, regions invest significant time and resources in developing SCS plans, yet they lack consistent funding, alignment, and tools needed to implement them. This disconnect limits the state's ability to fully realize the benefits of its own framework.

The bill's focus on implementation is particularly important. By aligning existing state programs with SCS priorities, SB 1087 would provide regions with the funding needed to advance high-impact housing and transportation investments. These changes will better align existing state policies and help ensure that state and regional efforts are working in concert to accelerate progress toward greenhouse gas reduction goals.

SB 1087 also takes important steps to improve the efficiency and usefulness of the SCS process. Extending the planning cycle to eight years, requiring a mid-cycle progress report, and reducing duplicative requirements will allow MPOs like the Sacramento Area Council of Governments

(SACOG) and others across the state to focus more of our limited resources on delivering projects rather than navigating complex and time-consuming technical processes.

In addition, the bill reflects the reality that regions must balance multiple state priorities. By incorporating considerations such as housing affordability, economic vitality, resilience, and land conservation into the target setting process, SB 1087 supports a more practical and balanced approach to achieving the state's climate goals.

Finally, SB 1087 will improve transparency and build greater confidence in the SCS as a decision-making tool. By requiring more realistic modeling assumptions and a more transparent target-setting process, the bill will result in plans that are easier to understand, more credible, and more actionable for policymakers and the public.

For these reasons, El Dorado County supports SB 1087.

Sincerely,

Brooke Laine, Chair
District V Supervisor

cc: The Honorable Marie Alvarado-Gil
The Honorable Megan Dahle
The Honorable Roger Niello