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California Natural Resources Agency  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311  
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Dear Secretary Laird,

I am writing to commend and congratulate your Agency and, through you, our State for taking leadership to adopt the Hope for the Coast Vision, and taking steps to ensure that California conserves and enhances the statewide protection of our precious coastal habitats.

Los Angeles County is home to many important natural resources including its iconic beaches, diverse coastal habitats, and urban wilderness that not only provide important benefits to the community, but are also cherished by residents and visitors, and make Los Angeles a must-see destination. Our coastal habitats provide important recreational and commercial economic benefits to the region, as well as providing critical ecosystem benefits and services.

The results of the recent study, *Conserving California Coastal Habitats: A Legacy and a Future with Sea Level Rise* ("Coastal Assessment") conducted by the California State Coastal Conservancy and The Nature Conservancy, provides us with stark news – over 55% of the state's coastal habitats are highly vulnerable to sea level rise. In Los Angeles County, nearly 70% of our beaches are highly vulnerable to five feet of potential sea level rise. The Coastal Assessment also demonstrates, however, that much of this coastal habitat can be conserved if we work collectively and invest in the adaptation and resilience of our coastal habitats.

As a representative of District 3, a significant coastal district in the County of Los Angeles, I want to express my support for the Hope for the Coast Vision for the continued protection of coastal habitats.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sheila Kuehl".

Sheila Kuehl  
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Chair of the Board