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September 11, 2019

The Honorable Phil Ting  
Chair, Assembly Budget Committee  
State Capitol, Room 6015  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Holly J. Mitchell  
Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5019  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 109 and SB 109 – Budget Act of 2019 – Support

Dear Chair Ting and Chair Mitchell,

On behalf of the Russian River Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our strong support for AB 109 and SB 109. These bills include critically needed funding for the County of Sonoma's ongoing recovery efforts from the 2019 Russian River Flood.

During the February 2019 flood, over 53 businesses were devastated and thousands of residents were forced to flee their homes. Local roads were hit with devastating slides and damage, making vital roads impassable. Many of these roads are the only evacuation routes through narrow and winding canyons or neighborhoods.

The County's support, including the curbside pickup and the collective resources provided by the Local Assistance Center was instrumental in local residents recovering from this historic flood disaster.

We strongly request your support of this critical funding in AB 109 and SB 109. It is necessary for the continued recovery of our community.

Sincerely,

*Elise VanDyne*