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Dear Representative Chu:

Thank you for the tremendous work you have done in pursuing the protection and recreational enhancement of the San Gabriel Mountains and watershed, culminating in the submission of your bill, H.R. 4858, The San Gabriel National Recreation Area Act. You have our commitment to support this bill as it moves through the legislative process to become law.

However, without Wild and Scenic River legislation, the San Gabriel National Recreation Area Act alone will not fully protect the streams within its boundaries, nor provide the resources to ensure the protection of the rich diversity of the riparian plant and animal species.

Therefore, we urge you to submit legislation to designate as Wild and Scenic Rivers the upper and lower segments of the West Fork San Gabriel River (divided by Cogswell Dam), segments of the North Fork and East Fork San Gabriel River, and segments of Little Rock Creek, San Antonio Creek, and the Middle Fork of Lytle Creek. These streams were identified by the National Forest Service in the 2005 Angeles Forest Plan Revision as eligible for protection in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act provides for the protection of rivers from the harmful effects of water resource projects, and directs that each designated river be administered in a manner to protect and enhance its outstanding natural and cultural values. We believe that protecting some of the forks of the San Gabriel River but not the segment of the West Fork from Cogswell Dam to Highway 39 is likely to subject it to more pressure that will degrade it further as a natural river and is unwise.

We look forward to working with you on this important proposal.

Sincerely,

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