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Assemblyman "Katcho" Achadjian
State Capitol, Rm. 4098
Sacramento, CA 94249-0035

RE: AB 361—**SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblyman Achadjian:

On behalf of the Santa Lucia Chapter of the Sierra Club, we thank you for your leadership in authoring this bill.

As the host community to a nuclear reactor in a seismic region, we are acutely aware of the need for a well funded and well supplied Office of Emergency Services. For those of us living and working near Diablo Canyon, events like the 2003 San Simeon quake or the Great Tohoku quake of 2011 are wake-up calls and reminders that enhanced vigilance is needed.

This legislation will extend funding for the Office of Emergency Services that would otherwise be allowed to sunset as early as 2019, years before the plant's current license expires.

At the time of the Fukushima nuclear disaster, lack of planning and organization among the emergency response groups hindered and delayed both evacuations and relief supplies. Here in San Luis Obispo, we will gain a measure of confidence from knowing that our emergency responders will now have the tools and resources they need to train appropriately during the remaining years of Diablo Canyon's current operating license.

The Santa Lucia Chapter of the Sierra Club supports AB 361 and urge its passage.

Yours truly,

/s/

Andrew Christie
Chapter Director

cc: Adam Gray, Chairman, Assembly Government Organization Committee
Anthony Rendon, Chairman, Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee
Senator Bill Monning
Senator Ben Hueso