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County of Sacramento

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The Honorable Alex Padilla 112 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Re: S. 448, the Outdoors for All Act (Support)

Dear Senator Padilla:

On behalf of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, I write in strong support of S. 448, the "Outdoors for All Act" and thank you for your leadership on this important legislation.

Sacramento County maintains and operates more than 15,000 acres of parks throughout the County. Our open spaces, multi-use trails, sports facilities, golf courses, river access and picnic areas offer outdoor adventure for every taste. We have developed strong partnerships with our volunteer and non-profit partners, with steady support from our elected officials. The heart and soul of our operations is our people - more than one hundred employees who keep our parks safe, vibrant, and inviting.

Our Department of Regional Parks enhances the health, enjoyment and quality of life in the region by acquiring, managing, and protecting park and open space lands; educating the public on the uses and values of leisure time activities, and the cultural and natural history of the County; growing and linking a system of regional parks, trails and open space in Sacramento and neighboring counties; providing a broad range of recreational activities for the community's diverse populations and; providing stewardship and protection of Sacramento County's regional park system through partnerships, planning and community involvement.

We believe S. 448 is consistent with the goals of providing affordable, accessible, clean and safe recreational activities and facilities for all. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 874-4627 or <u>deborde@saccounty.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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