

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

Senator Chris Dodd  
United State Senate  
448 Russell Building  
Washington D.C., 20510

RE: S. 1619 – Support

Dear Senator Dodd:

On behalf of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors I am writing to add our support to your bill, S. 1619 – the Livable Communities Act of 2009. We appreciate your authoring of this bill and know that if passed and signed into law, it will support our efforts at developing and enhancing sustainable communities throughout Sonoma County.

The County of Sonoma has historically worked to develop sustainable communities. Through the County's General Plan we have sought to preserve the quality of life, provide ample economic opportunity and protect and enhance our natural resources. To this end, local communities are focused on city centered growth, developing transit and transportation options for all residents and create a thriving economy and environment. We know that if we are successful we will achieve our aggressive climate protection goals and create a long term sustainable growth.

The development of truly sustainable communities will require meaningful investment based on solid collaborative planning. Local Sonoma County voters and policy makers have repeatedly supported these efforts and if S. 1619 is successful, it will provide local communities such as ours needed planning and implementing funding. In addition, S. 1619 would motivate jurisdictions to work together on issues that should be cooperative endeavors such as housing, transportation, climate and economic development.

Thank you for introducing S. 1619. If we can provide any additional information or provide additional support, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Paul L. Kelley  
Chair and Fourth District Supervisor

CC; Senator Barbara Boxer  
Senator Dianne Feinstein  
Board of Supervisors  
Chris Thomas, Acting County Administrator  
Lori Norton, Deputy County Administrator  
Paul Schlesinger