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Helene Schneider  
Mayor

February 7, 2013

Senator Ted Lieu  
State Capitol, Room 4061  
Sacramento, CA 95814

City Hall  
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RE: SUPPORT SB 122 – Vessels: Abandonment, Abatement

Honorable Senator Lieu:

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As mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, a community of 90,000 residents that includes the only harbor in Santa Barbara County, I'm writing to express support for SB 122, legislation you have introduced that would extend the state's Vessel Turn-In Program (VTIP), currently set to expire at the end of this year.

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Since it was established in 2009, VTIP has provided \$17,000 in grants to the City Santa Barbara for the removal of 12 voluntarily surrendered, derelict vessels (part of \$236,000 spent statewide to remove 144 boats). Disposing of these boats before they sank or washed ashore helped avoid significant environmental damage and public safety hazards. Moreover, the cost of disposing these boats was far less than the cost to remove them from City beaches or the seafloor if they had gone aground or sunk.

In conclusion, VTIP remains a program that successfully and efficiently uses the marine gas-tax and vessel registration fees used to fund it. Thus, I believe its continuation is warranted.

Sincerely,

Helene Schneider  
Mayor

Cc: Assemblyman Das Williams  
Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson  
Senator Fran Pavley



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