



Aug. 22, 2018

Honorable Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson  
State Capitol, Room 2032  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB-834 State lands: leasing: oil and gas. – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Jackson,

Independent California is an organization that advocates for policy changes that take California in a more independent direction. I am writing today to express our support for SB 834, which would stop new oil drilling off California's coast.

The current administration's enthusiasm for offshore oil drilling has made clear that Californians cannot count on the federal government to respect even our most basic preferences for our safety and the health of our environment—preferences so clear and so universal<sup>1</sup> that they constitute a "California value."

SB 834 makes clear that even though technically, the federal government has the authority to permit drilling off our coast, they lack the power to make it financially feasible without California's help, which this bill withholds. Not only does this bill protect California's environment in a straightforward and legally defensible way, it drives home the point that powers granted to the current administration by an 18th-century document are no match for democratic legitimacy and consent of the

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<sup>1</sup> For example, see the Public Policy Institute of California poll, "Environmental Priorities and the Midterm Election," Aug. 8, 2018

governed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Marin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent "D" and "M".

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