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Governor Jerry Brown  
State Capitol, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: AB 707 (Aguiar-Curry; McGuire) – Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Brown:

The Lake County Board of Supervisors thanks you and your administration for considering and providing for Lake County and AB 707 in your 2017-18 budget. We also greatly appreciate Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry and Senator McGuire's tremendous work on our behalf this legislative season, culminating with the State Legislature's recognition that a healthy Clear Lake benefits all Californians.

Now, we write requesting you continue your support by signing AB 707.

As you are well aware, Lake County is proud to be home to Clear Lake, both the largest natural freshwater lake in California and the oldest natural warm-water lake in North America. Clear Lake is a cornerstone of local tourism and water recreation industries. Maintenance of the lake is directly related to the wellbeing of the local community and business climate.

Recently, Clear Lake has suffered from unnaturally high levels of mercury and an overabundance of surface algae and cyanobacteria. These have resulted in poor water quality and compromised watershed health, and contamination has threatened aquatic life. The poor health of the Lake has impacted the County's tourism industry and overall economy. Lake County and California cannot afford to risk the further deterioration of Clear Lake.

Currently, there is no State body tasked with managing the clean-up of Clear Lake. AB 707 will fix this by establishing the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake, and setting requirements for its membership. By requiring the Committee meet quarterly and report annually on their work, AB 707 will establish an accountability standard for the project and put Clear Lake on a tangible path toward recovery.

Given the dire state our County economy, and the neglected condition of Clear Lake, a structured approach toward a solution is critical.

Please sign AB 707.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Smith, Chair

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