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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Recommended Veto of AB 1086 (Bauer-Kahan)

Dear Governor Newsom:

With respect, I write to request your veto of Assembly Bill 1086, by Assembly Member Bauer-Kahan. This bill authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation to sell 3,000 acres of the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area known as the "Alameda-Tesla Expansion" area in Alameda County at a price far below fair market value.

Although touted to be a "district bill," AB 1086 is not. At a minimum, the bill should require that the land is sold at fair market value no matter to whom it is sold. Yet, the bill allows the land to be transferred to a local agency or nonprofit organization for "no less than the original purchase price" of \$9 million. Given the land was acquired in 1998, \$9 million is far less than its current fair market value and represents a rip-off of the Off Highway (OHV) Vehical Trust Fund. At the very least, the OHV Trust Fund should be made whole in 2019/2020 dollars.

The property in question is owned by the taxpayers of California as a whole – not just Alameda County. Taxpayer assets should not be devalued simply so that wealthy "NIMBYs" in Alameda County can benefit from a sweetheart-deal.

For these reasons amongst others, I respectfully request your veto of AB 1086.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shannon Grove".

Shannon Grove
Senate Republican Leader, 16th District