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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger Governor State of California State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

I am writing to express my opposition to the Orange County Transportation Corridor Agency's proposal to route a toll road through the San Onofre State Beach.

This noisy, six-lane freeway would eliminate over 400 acres of habitat, pollute the pristine waters of San Mateo Creek, threaten protected species, and severely impact the level of tourism at one of the top five of the State's most visited parks.

I believe it is important that we consider more viable alternatives to the toll road, such as improving and expanding I-5. It is also crucial that the citizens and elected officials of San Diego County have a chance to express their views on this project, as many San Diego County residents travel north on the I-5 each day.

I hope that you will act to stop construction on the toll road through San Onofre State Beach, and pursue other options that would protect our delicate coastal environment, while also addressing our need for a more viable and efficient transportation system in Southern California. If I can be of assistance to you on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (619) 422-5963.

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