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The Honorable Robert Rivas  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 8330  
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The Honorable Mike McGuire  
President pro Tempore  
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**RE: Urging Appropriation of Proposition 4 Climate Resilience Bond Funds**

Dear Speaker Rivas and Pro Tem McGuire:

On behalf of the broad coalition of business, civic, water, and environmental leaders represented above, we write to strongly urge the legislature to pass an appropriation this session for the climate resilience investments authorized by Proposition 4. The legislature and voters have already done the hard part by placing, and passing, Proposition 4 on the ballot. Now it is time to meet that mandate by ensuring funds are appropriated for these urgently needed projects beginning in fiscal year 2025-26.

As you know, Proposition 4 provides critical funding for projects that will protect our communities from sea level rise, wildfires, extreme heat, flooding, and drought. These investments are essential to safeguarding our infrastructure, housing, economy, and public health in every region of California.

In the Bay Area alone, more than \$62 billion of economic assets and 75,000 homes are at risk from rising seas over the next generation. Cities, regional coalitions, and private-sector partners are actively developing shovel-ready resilience projects—but they require state partnership to move forward. What all projects—whether strengthening resilience to sea level rise or wildfire or droughts—have in common is that the longer we wait, the more costly they are to build and the more dangerous inaction becomes.

We urge you to appropriate Proposition 4 funds in the final FY 2025-26 budget agreement and establish a transparent, expedited process to distribute those funds to the most impactful and urgently needed projects. Thank you for your leadership and for considering our views.

Sincerely,

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