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October 4, 2021

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

RE: Declaring a State of Emergency over the Huntington Beach Oil Spill

Dear Governor Newsom,

I am writing today to ask you to declare a State of Emergency for Orange County, California to address the oil spill that occurred this past weekend.

The recent spill originated from a pipeline off the coast of Huntington Beach. It has been reported that approximately 125,000 gallons of crude has spilled into coastal waters creating a slick that spanned approximately 8,320 acres in Orange County. Oil from the spill has spanned out into other cities and has infiltrated Talbert Marsh, a 25-acre ecological reserve in Huntington Beach that is home to dozens of species of birds.

Declaring a State of Emergency would assist in expediting state funds and allow the County of Orange to utilize federal funding when available.

We cannot allow this spill to continue to spread. We must prioritize cleaning up and sealing off this spill for the safety of the families and children that visit and live near the affected beach areas. I applaud and thank the efforts of the United States Coast Guard, Beta Offshore, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the City of Huntington Beach and other local governments and any other workers and organizations that are currently working in response to this spill.

I respectfully ask that you declare this State of Emergency and get much needed help to Huntington Beach and the bordering cities in Orange County who are impacted. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Should you have any questions or need further

information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 319-2072 or email me at Assemblymember.Nguyen@assembly.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Janet Nguyen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Janet" and the last name "Nguyen" clearly legible.

JANET NGUYEN
Assemblywoman, 72nd District
California State Legislature