

FEBRUARY 16, 1968.

Senator FRANK CHURCH,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR SENATOR: This is to urge you and your Committee to make a favorable recommendation on S. 2531, Senator Kuchel's bill to preserve the San Gabriel Wilderness area.

MARY C. and THAT. C. MOSER.

PRINEVILLE, OREG., *February 18, 1968.*

Senator FRANK CHURCH,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: I urge your support for the Mount Jefferson Wilderness Area in the Oregon Cascades. I feel it is necessary that whatever area can now be saved for future generations in as nearly an untouched form as possible, should be saved. Economic growth does not preclude the need for wilderness, but in fact makes it even more necessary. The larger the area, the better.

Sincerely yours,

GERALD PAUL MORSELLO.

LA CRESCENTA, CALIF., *February 14, 1968.*

Senator FRANK CHURCH,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: Please include this letter as part of the public hearing record to be held on Feb. 19, 1968 as supporting the bill introduced by Senator Kuchel (S. 2531) designating the 33,647 acre San Gabriel Wilderness as an addition to the National Wilderness Preservation System to be administered by the Forest Service under the Wilderness Law of 1964.

Sincerely yours,

HAROLD L. MOREHEAD.

BERKELEY, CALIF., *February 20, 1968.*

Senator FRANK CHURCH,
Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Public Lands,
Senate Office Building.

DEAR MR. CHURCH: I strongly support the Forest Service's proposal for the San Gabriel Wilderness, and its proposal for the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness along with the additional 28,000 acres recommended by Oregon conservationists. The additional area includes the Square Lake-Long Lake area, the Marion Lake area, and the entire west side of that section of the country.

One of the most important reasons to give the San Gabriel Wilderness protection under the Wilderness Act is its proximity to Los Angeles, providing a vital sanctuary for people who wish to escape the hell of our cities. Also, the mountain range is very unique in its scenic qualities, and there are no conflicting uses.

The additional acreage in the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness which the Forest Service excluded is essential for its valuable buffer zones in the west side, and its untainted mountain lakes. Just as important is Marion Lake, which, if not included in the Wilderness area, will have a large non-wilderness zone in the center of the area.

I hope that Congress will choose to preserve both San Gabriel and Mt. Jefferson—their existence as wilderness areas will help to preserve the sanity of Americans.

Sincerely,

STUART MOODY.

MONROVIA, CALIF., *February 16, 1968.*

SENATE INTERIOR COMMITTEE,
New Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

GENTLEMEN: I am writing in support of Senate Bill S. 2531—the San Gabriel Wilderness Proposal.