June 13, 2018

The Honorable Senator Cathleen Galgiani, Chair
Senate Agriculture Committee
1020 N Street, Room 583
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2470 (Grayson) - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Galgiani,

We, the undersigned organizations, are writing in support of AB 2470 to coordinate invasive species prevention, research and eradication in California. Invasive species damage our water resources, fire safety, agricultural productivity, recreation opportunities, and unique wildlife. As you know, unless invasive species problems are detected early and addressed promptly, they spread and become extremely expensive to manage.

This bill codifies the Invasive Species Council of California (ISCC) and California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) to coordinate a comprehensive statewide effort for addressing invasive species. The bill provides funding for three things: (1) the council, (2) critical work to address invasive plants through the state’s network of county Weed Management Areas, and (3) invasive species research and outreach through the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources.

We respectfully ask for your support in protecting our environment, our economy and our safety from invasive species by approving this budget request. Thank you for your consideration and thank you for your ongoing support for efforts to address invasive species in your district and beyond.

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