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Assemblymember Anna Caballero
California State Assembly
P.O. Box 942849
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Re: Assembly Bill 2470: Invasive Species Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund

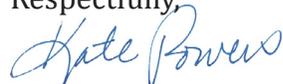
Dear Assemblymember Caballero:

Marin Conservation League (MCL) was established in 1934 and has worked continuously to protect the natural resources of Marin County for over eighty years. With that mission in mind, MCL strongly supports AB 2470, authored by Assemblyman Grayson and co-sponsored by Cal-IPC, and urges your committee to move this bill forward for approval.

Marin County's open spaces, including watershed and agricultural lands, are in close proximity to many of Marin's neighborhoods and residences and are widely visited by the public. The spread of non-native invasive species has gone out of control in many of Marin's ecological communities including those along local creeks and marshlands, leading to species extinction and changes to habitat. Along with creating damage, and causing great expense to Marin County's agricultural lands, the increasing spread of invasive species poses a major threat to Marin County's ability to support and maintain its biological diversity.

It's neither efficient nor effective to treat the spread of invasive species on a case by case basis. Marin Conservation League enthusiastically supports formalizing and tasking the Invasive Species Council of California with coordinating a statewide strategic and comprehensive effort to exclude invasive species already established in the state. And we support the funding of Weed Management Areas that plan and implement local, collaborative weed control efforts.

Thank you for supporting this important legislation.

Respectfully,

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