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Dear Friend of Our Environment:

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DEFENSE CENTER

Every day friends ask me how things are going with my new 'gig' here at the Environmental Defense Center. My response uniformly has been "**I LOVE MY JOB!**" The EDC is an extraordinary organization of dedicated, hard working people doing exceptional work on important issues facing our environment. It is an honor and a joy to be part of EDC's committed team in its **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year**.

Yes, this *is* my first request to you for a contribution. I make it comfortably, with the knowledge that EDC's funds are being spent wisely and are producing positive results for our communities. Support for EDC is an important way to "**Think Globally, Act Locally.**" Our work here sets precedents that have national and international implications. Some current examples include:

**Oil and Gas:** EDC's work to prevent the world's most powerful energy company from destroying our air quality and coastal resources was hailed by *Environment Now* as Southern California's "**Top Achievement in Coastal Protection.**" EDC just stopped a liquefied natural gas (LNG) project proposed by the world's biggest mining company due to risks to air and water quality, climate change, ocean wildlife, and public safety. EDC takes its role seriously, and will remain vigilant and innovative in protecting our coast through community education, advocacy and "every legal means."

**Open Space:** From Newhall to Hearst Ranch, from Carpinteria Bluffs to Ellwood Mesa, EDC's advocacy and legal work have made the preservation of coastal open spaces possible. Today we are working to preserve the **Naples** area from proposed mansions on the pristine Gaviota Coast.

**Wildlife:** EDC enforces local, state, and federal laws to protect our region's endangered species and their habitat. We are making good progress in restoring creeks and rivers that are crucial to the survival of **steelhead** trout which were once plentiful, but are now on the brink of extinction.

**Environmental Health:** Our Environmental Health Project helps eliminate pesticides in parks and near schools, and trains farm workers to protect themselves and their families from **toxic chemicals**. Cooperative efforts with farmers, ranchers, vintners and other stakeholders promise to improve the environmental and financial sustainability of local agriculture.

**Ocean Resources:** EDC's leadership in conservation on the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary was pivotal in doubling the size of the **Channel Islands** Marine Reserve network, and in building a broad-based consensus for management of fish farming in waters near the Sanctuary.

Every day, community groups and ordinary citizens seek EDC's expert advice on protection of our local environment. Our ability to do this excellent work **depends upon YOUR support**.

You too can feel great to be a part of EDC's work. Your generous **tax-deductible** gift will assure that EDC can sustain these critical successes for another 30 years. Thank you!

Sincerely,



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