



Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis

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Dear Friend:

Most environmentally healthy communities have 3 to 4 acres of open space for every 1,000 individuals. Yet, for every 1,000 people in the San Gabriel Valley there is less than one-half acre of open space!

It is my priority in Congress to protect current open space and revitalize neglected areas. I have authored a bill that would direct the National Park Service to study the San Gabriel Valley watershed for protection so that our community, one with little green space, can gain environmental protection and recreational opportunities. I am hopeful that this bill will be heard by Congress in the near future.



I am also working to make sure that our community is not neglected as environmental decisions are made. I have worked diligently to make sure that the cleanup of the polluted San Gabriel Valley Water Basin is a priority for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Our basin has been polluted for more than 20 years, and I am working with the local organizations involved and the EPA to make the cleanup more efficient.

On a national level, I have also sponsored amendments to several environmental bills to require that local communities are consulted as environmental decisions are made and to help communities gain access to money to improve their local environment. We know the devastation that can be caused by the pollution in our neighborhoods, and I want to make sure the same mistakes are not made again.

I am very committed to environmental issues and appreciate hearing feedback from you on this issue or any other issues that concern you and your family. Should you have any questions, please call my office.

Sincerely,

Hilda L. Solis
Member of Congress