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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been an employee of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (SFRPD) Natural Areas Program (NAP) and the primary land manager for the Sharp Park Natural Area for the past 10 years. Sharp Park lies just north of Mori Point and shares many of the same resources as Mori Point. I have worked cooperatively with The Parks Conservancy in planning for and managing the shared resource. I have also been a Pacifica resident for the past eight years as well as a frequent visitor to Mori Point. I have attended several planning meetings over the years and witnessed the restoration of Mori Point with a watchful eye. The thoughtful planning and unprecedented public outreach has transformed this once neglected coastal bluff into a well managed multiple use sanctuary. It balances the needs of sensitive federally listed species with a wonderful visitor experience. I am writing to offer my support for the continued funding of The Parks Conservancy restoration of Mori Point.

While I have been impressed with the work done so far, more needs to be done to address the damage done by off-road vehicles. The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Grant will allow The Parks Conservancy to repair damaging scars from prior off-road vehicle use. These scars have resulted in erosive slopes and social paths which continue to be blight and fragment the land.

The Parks Conservancy has been a fantastic neighbor of the SFNAP. We have been very fortunate to have them move in next door and make significant improvements upon the land. The invasive plant removal crews are keeping weed seeds down and preventing unwanted seed drift into NAP sites. The educational signage they have installed informs the public about issues which are the common goals of The Parks Conservancy and NAP. The Parks Conservancy pond installations delicately and aesthetically balance the needs of the visitor experience and the sensitivity of the 2 federally listed species. They allow juvenile Red legged frogs from NAP sites to disperse and find new areas to breed. The upland habitat enhancements provide important foraging and cover habitat for the San Francisco garter snake. The new multiple use trails are welcoming and accessible.

Mori Point is high profile and visible landmark in Pacifica, which everybody sees while driving south down Highway 1. Each day, people pass by and see staff and volunteers working up on the hill. The Parks Conservancy's experience in land restoration and ability to mobilize the community has given new life to Mori Point.

Sincerely,

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