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The Honorable Michelle Steel, Vice-Chair  
Orange County Board of Supervisors  
10 Civic Center Plaza, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Santa Ana, California 92714

Dear Supervisor Steel:

I am writing in support of your proposed amendment to the Ordinances of the County of Orange regarding the Restraint of Dogs, which would provide the authority for the Board of Supervisors to designate "off-leash" areas for pet dogs.

Due to the overwhelming response from residents from Newport Beach, who use a small strip of land between the cities of Huntington Beach and Newport Beach as a de facto dog beach, I believe that this change to current County leash laws along with a resolution designating this area as "leash-free" is the best step forward to resolving some of the concerns to residents in the area.

With the abundance of support at Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission of the City of Newport Beach – as well as my fellow elected Councilmembers regarding this matter, I think it is clear that Newport Beach residents wish to preserve the off-leash use of this local treasure.

Therefore, on behalf of the residents that I represent, I enthusiastically support your proposal to amend the County Ordinances to allow the Board of Supervisors to designate "off-leash" areas for pet dogs.

Sincerely,

Edward D. Selich  
Council Member, District #5  
City of Newport Beach