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SENATOR SHARON RUNNER
SEVENTEENTH SENATE DISTRICT

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Ms. Sylvia Gaxiola, Chair
Antelope Valley Veterans' Parade Board
547 E. Lancaster Blvd
Lancaster, CA 93534

Dear Ms. Gaxiola:

On behalf of the California State Senate and the citizens of the 17th District, I would like to add my support for the 3rd Annual Antelope Valley Veterans Day Parade. I am proud to see the Antelope Valley communities come together to celebrate our veterans.

As a young person, I did not fully understand the significance of war or the sacrifices that U.S. troops were making. Today, however, I understand and appreciate the great sacrifices our men and women in uniform make on our behalf each and every day so Americans may continue to enjoy the rights and freedoms upon which our nation was founded.

When I look at my grandchildren, I know the security of their future was and continues to be built on selfless acts of courage and bravery. Whether I am advocating on behalf of veterans or attending a hearing as a member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, the heroism of military personnel inspires me daily because they—who have given so much to our country—are the epitome of courage and strength.

To all the veterans in the 17th District, my heart is full of gratitude for your sacrifices and sorrow for the loss of your friends in combat. I thank you for your service, your dedication, and the sacrifices you and your families made in defense of our great nation.

Congratulations to all the organizers, participants, vendors, and volunteers who have worked so hard to organize heartwarming event for our military heroes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Runner".

Sharon Runner
Senator, 17th District