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April 2nd, 2014

Assemblyman Richard Bloom
California State Legislature
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0050

Re: Support—Assembly Bill 2140 “Orca Welfare and Safety Act”

Dear Assemblyman Bloom and Legislators:

The Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC) wishes to offer its support for Assembly Bill 2140 “Orca Welfare and Safety Act.” We wish to sincerely thank Assembly Member Bloom and the co-authors of this bill for bringing legislation forward to address the egregious and cruel treatment of Orcas in captivity in California.

EPIC is a non-profit bioregional organization based in Humboldt County, California. EPIC’s mission is to protect and restore ancient forests, watersheds, coastal estuaries, and native species in Northern California. EPIC uses an integrated, science-based approach, combining public education, citizen advocacy, and strategic litigation. We are community and membership-based.

Our support for AB 2140 stems from our mandate to protect native species in California. EPIC believes that AB 2140 represents an important step forward towards the ethical treatment of California’s native wildlife communities. The use of Orcas for entertainment purposes is cruel and unnecessary and devalues the lives of individual animals.

EPIC encourages the legislature to pass Assembly Bill 2140 in order to put an end to these cruel and unnecessary practices.

We appreciate your time and attention to this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the number provided below if there are questions, or if I may be of assistance in any way.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob DiPerna". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

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