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## **Assemblyman Jim Patterson Officially Petitions Government Leaders to Reopen National Parks**

SACRAMENTO - Today, Assemblyman Jim Patterson (R-Fresno) officially petitioned Governor Jerry Brown, U.S. Senators Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, and President Barack Obama to support House Joint Resolution 70 to reopen national parks across the country and stop the unnecessary loss of \$76 million dollars a day in revenue from our local communities.

Patterson spent the weekend in the community of Three Rivers, which is the gateway to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. After talking with constituents there, it was apparent that the federal government shutdown is having devastating effects on the community which thrives on the constant stream of tourists coming and going from the parks.

Not only does the shutdown affect over 20,000 park employees, but it virtually shuts down the more than quarter of a million private-sector jobs generated in our communities by the presence of these parks and the 300 million visitors to them every year.

“It is without question that California is home to some of the greatest national parks in the country,” Patterson said in his letter to Governor Brown. “To see the magnificence and beauty of our national parks used as a political pawn in our nation’s capital is unacceptable. I ask that you join with me to stand up for communities like Three Rivers and urge the federal government to reopen our national parks and put Californians back to work.”

House Joint Resolution 70 was approved by the House of Representatives earlier this week with broad bipartisan support and currently awaits action in the Senate.

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