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**REPS. PANETTA, ESHOO, LOFGREN AND CARBAJAL ENDORSE JOHN LAIRD  
FOR CA STATE SENATE**

*FORMER REPS. FARR AND CAPPAS ALSO ENDORSE*

SANTA CRUZ, CA – John Laird today announced endorsements from all four members of Congress who represent portions of the 17<sup>th</sup> State Senate District, including Reps. Jimmy Panetta (D-Carmel Valley), Anna Eshoo (D-Palo Alto), Zoe Lofgren (D-San Jose) and Salud Carbajal (D-Santa Barbara). In addition, former Reps. Sam Farr (D-Carmel) and Lois Capps (D-Santa Barbara) have also endorsed Mr. Laird.

Laird is running to represent the 17<sup>th</sup> State Senate District, which includes all of Santa Cruz and San Luis Obispo Counties, as well as coastal Monterey County and southern Santa Clara County. The 17<sup>th</sup> District is currently represented by Senator Bill Monning (D-Carmel), who will be termed out in 2020. The primary will be held in March 2020, followed by the general election in November. The filing period closes at the end of 2019.

“John has what it takes to help California continue to lead the nation and the world in addressing environmental issues, especially climate change,” said Panetta. “From being a strong local elected advocate for the establishment of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary to responding to California’s explosive wildfires to addressing water supply, John continuously demonstrates his knowledge of the issues and ability to find solutions.”

“John Laird will do a wonderful job in the State Senate,” said Lofgren. “He has the experience to know how to get things done, but also the character and dedication to focus on the needs of hardworking Californians who need lower health care costs, debt free higher education, access to affordable housing and strong civil rights protections.”

“John Laird shares my passion for making healthcare more accessible and more affordable for all Californians,” said Eshoo. “To succeed requires courage and strong partnership between the federal and state levels of government. John’s extensive record proves he has the know-how to make these goals a reality.”

“Few leaders in California have a stronger track record on education issues than John Laird,” said Carbajal. “A product of parents who were teachers, and with experience as a university instructor, John knows how important it is to close the achievement gap, increase access to higher education and reduce student debt. I’m excited about the opportunity to partner with him on these issues.”

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