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The Honorable David Valadao
U.S. House of Representatives
California, District 21
1728 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Valadao:

Thank you for your leadership in introducing H.R. 23, the Guiding Responsibility on Water (GROW) Act. California State University, Fresno shares your commitment to providing relief and finds itself in a critical role for communities severely impacted by the effects from the ongoing drought. We are hopeful that proposals such as H.R. 23 along with other state and federal legislation will provide needed direction and financial assistance to improve the economy and health of our region.

The San Joaquin Valley and the state is dependent on reliable water supplies to serve the most productive agricultural region in the United States. Reducing uncertainty in supplies will strengthen the economic base, create jobs and allow the region to continue providing the majority of fruits and vegetables for the country.

Fresno State, through its California Water Institute, is committed to providing scientific data to support the development and implementation of legislation designed to reduce the negative impacts of the ongoing drought. Fresno State is uniquely qualified to provide many of the educational and outreach components necessary for success.

In closing, I again thank you for your leadership in moving this important legislation forward. We understand there is more work to be done and hope that bipartisan efforts going forward will address any gaps. In the meantime, please consider Fresno State a valuable resource as we work together to address California's water challenges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph I. Castro".

Joseph I. Castro, Ph.D., M.P.P.
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