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The Honorable David Valadao
1728 Longworth Building
U.S. House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Valadao,

As you know well, California's Central Valley, which provides the majority of fruits and vegetables for the country, has been suffering from a significant drought. While recent rains this winter have provided a reprieve from the past several years of crippling drought, it is imperative that we still act to ensure our water infrastructure is appropriate to mitigate against future dry periods.

With that in mind, we appreciate your introduction of H.R. 23, the Gaining Responsibility On Water (GROW) Act of 2017. This legislation would help develop new necessary water infrastructure to support people and farms in the Central Valley, ensure more reliable water deliveries, and secure private property and senior water rights. To ensure water reliability in the future, the bill obligates the federal government to complete feasibility studies for multiple water storage projects in California and increases the scope of investigation for dam safety throughout the West, including expansion.

Even with the recent rains, now is the time to enact long-term, meaningful solutions to our water supply issues. We are hopeful this legislation a step in the right direction to help address the ongoing challenges we face. Thank you again for your introduction of the bill and ongoing work on drought issues in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Warren Gubler".

Warren Gubler
Mayor