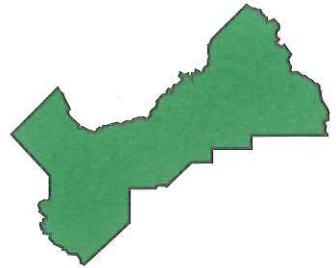


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The Honorable David Valadao
U.S. House of Representatives
21st District of California
1728 Longworth Building
Washington, D.C., 20515

RE: HR 23 – Gaining Responsibility On Water Act of 2017

Congressman Valadao,

On behalf of Fresno County Farm Bureau (FCFB), I write in support of your recently introduced legislation, HR 23, the Gaining Responsibility On Water (GROW) Act of 2017.

FCFB applauds your efforts to ensure reliable water deliveries to our valley farmers and communities. Over the last several years, Fresno County has been severely affected by the impacts of the drought, only to be made worse by the billions of gallons of water being diverted from the region to protect environmental efforts.

Fresno County produces more than 400 different commodities that provide our country with much of its fruits and vegetables. Many of our farmers and ranchers have received less water than they were contracted for or purchased. The GROW Act will help address the water supply challenges we face as result of the drought crisis.

The time to secure long-term solutions to California's water supply issues is now. FCFB looks forward to continuing our work with you on the GROW Act.

Sincerely,

Ryan Jacobsen
CEO

