



January 12th, 2017

Congressman David Valadao
101 N. Irwin Street, Suite 110B
Hanford, CA 93230

RE: Letter of Support for H.R. 23- The GROW Act

Dear Congressman Valadao,

On behalf of the Fresno Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to write this letter in strong support of H.R. 23 the GROW act. This piece of legislation signifies an important step in the right direction for our region when it comes to our securing a reliable water source.

In our region, a popular slogan is “Food Grows Where Water Flows”, and its also the reality that jobs and the economy grow where that water flows as well. The GROW act takes a thoughtful approach at helping to address the multiple facets of this issue that are the contributors to the reduced water supply in our valley. It is our belief that this legislation will help our economy by ensuring that we retain and use to the benefit of our families and economy the most finite resource that we have in California, which is our water supply.

We look forward to a future in which the federal government is using better and more responsible studies when it comes to the feasibility of its water management practices, and we are hopeful in an increased water supply for the valley. We are proud to support this legislation and we look forward to assisting in the efforts to make it successful. Please let us know how we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nathan M. Ahle", is written over a light blue circular stamp or watermark.

Nathan M. Ahle, IOM
President/CEO
Fresno Chamber of Commerce