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The Honorable David G. Valadao  
1728 Longworth Building  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Valadao,

The Tulare County Association of REALTORS® is a group of over 1,000 professionals that live and serve the county and strive to see this area thrive. Not just for the benefit of business, but for the benefit of the families we work with to see their dream of homeownership come to light. We are a group that is comprised of a diverse socio-economic standing, beliefs and political affiliations. However, with our varied differences, we have many common interests. We work hard to champion positive enhancements to the real estate industry and protect private property rights. Tulare County is seeing great growth, however we have witnessed over the years that our friends, family, clients and those in the agricultural community are going through a tremendous struggle with the lack of water. This is an issue that should have never gone as far as it has. We have seen communities run completely out of water, wells go dry and thousands of acres of farm land fallowed. We have seen enough and realize that it is time to support an act that will bring critically needed relief to our area.

Our association has seen your fight, along with Congressman Nunes', to bring water back to the Central Valley and we appreciate the action you have taken. That is why we would like to announce our support of H.R. 23, the Gaining Responsibility on Water (GROW) Act of 2017. This legislation would ensure reliable water deliveries for our valley, secure private property and senior water rights, and save millions of dollars by ending wasteful protectionist plans. 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.

Now is the time to enact long term, meaningful solutions to California's water supply issues and we are hopeful this legislation is the next step in addressing the challenges we face. We look forward to working with you on advancing H.R. 23, the GROW Act, this Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward Morton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "E" at the beginning.

Edward Morton  
2017 TCAOR President