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Dear Governor Brown and Chairwoman Marcus,

I am very concerned about the curtailment actions and regulations that are being considered by the State Water Resources Control Board for adoption this summer. Diverting water from senior water rights holders would be devastating to the agricultural industry and would set a very dangerous precedent that could uproot over 100 years of water rights laws.

The agricultural industry is the lifeblood of our region. Here in the Central Valley, our economy lives and dies by what we are able to produce each season. The plan to curtail the oldest water rights in the state will have a devastating impact on our livelihoods and our ability to grow and produce the food that feeds our state, our country and the entire world.

The current drought has already forced farmers to cut back operations and threatens to put up to 410,000 acres out of commission this year alone. The effects of those cuts are evident in the increased food prices in every grocery store in California.

I understand that in difficult times everyone must do their part to cut back, but infringing on our water rights in this manner would set a terrible precedent for future water decisions and would be devastating to Central Valley farms, businesses and all of the residents who live and work here.

To suggest curtailment of water rights is not only short-sighted, but an egregious overreach that will do little more than pit one region of California against the other. I ask that, instead, you focus on increasing the state's water supply through solutions that can benefit all Californians – water recycling, storage, desalination, and so on.

For these reasons, I ask you to oppose any attempt by the State Water Resources Control Board to curtail senior water rights.

Sincerely,

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