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Dear Chairperson Hart

I am writing to urge the Central Valley Water Board to adopt a strong Regulatory Framework for irrigated agriculture that reports and reduces fertilizer use and protects groundwater quality. Small communities should not bear the cost of nitrate contamination of their drinking water. Regulation that requires all farmers to protect water quality will level the playing field for those that are already doing the right thing.

My family and I live in northern Tulare County in the rural community of Orosi ... an area where big Ag rules. Our town and surrounding towns, including East Orosi, are already faced with many of our town's water wells being sealed closed because of contamination. It is a great injustice for rural residents to have their drinking water - one of their most important and precious resources - by corporate farms who are not being held accountable for the devastation they wrought.

It is time to protect rural residents - it's people, not profits - that matter here.  
Approve regulations to stop farm pollution now!

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