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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to voice my concerns that the regulations regarding water flow that you're considering would be devastating to our communities from the San Joaquin Valley to the Bay Area. We are third generation farmers and have borne the brunt of the pain from the last five years of drought. We (my husband, myself and our sons) are barely hanging on because the water "cuts" prevented us from farming all our farm ground which in turn lowered our income to the point that we are worried we may have to sell our farm.

Science clearly shows that decades of releasing water to the ocean has failed to stop the decline of threatened fish populations. And while increasing water flows won't help fish it will devastate local communities from the Northern San Joaquin Valley to the Bay Area. These regulations are opposed by schools, health departments, farmers, cities, economic development officials and more. The truth is there is science to back up the premise that there are better ways to help the fish populations such as control predators, restore habitat and utilize functional flows. We need a comprehensive solution that considers more than just water. Sending so much water to the ocean may be the easiest solution for you but for those of us whose livelihoods depend on this water it is vital to our survival. Imposing a one-size-fits-all regulation will hurt millions!!!! Our family implores you to reconsider your stance on these regulations and find a solution that benefits all of us, including the endangered fish.

Respectfully,

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