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To Whom it May Concern,

The environment is always a concern in the beautiful State of California. Our wildlife and natural elements should be protected. Unfortunately, when protecting wildlife has the side effect of allowing farmland to sit fallow, jobs to be lost, food to no longer be grown, and the livelihood of many Californians to be cast aside, our fervor for nature has become extreme.

We must protect our environment, but we must protect the people who depend on the environment. Food, jobs, and the agricultural bounty of our State should have priority over species of fish that can no longer survive in the wild. Labs at UC Davis and other fish hatcheries can protect these species, grow the population, and perhaps, when this drought ends, reintroduce the fish into nature. At this point, their numbers need to be grown in a protected environment, before they will be able to thrive in the natural world.

We cannot continue to place animals above people, when our efforts have been absolutely ineffective. It doesn't logically make sense. The fish will not die out.

There is a contingency plan for the fish. But, the farmland will be lost without water.

The jobs and the crops will be lost, if we refuse to make them a priority.

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