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Dear Chairwoman Marcus,

As a constituent and taxpayer in the district represented by Assemblyman Frank Bigelow, I urge you and your colleagues to give careful consideration to the October 27, 2016 letter from him addressed to your office.

We live in the community of Madera Ranchos in eastern Madera county. For the past two years we have suffered from severe water restrictions, including the prohibition of all outdoor landscape irrigation, with the exception of drip irrigation for trees and shrubs only.

Recognizing the need for all to conserve, we have complied with these restrictions resulting in dead landscapes in our once beautiful neighborhood. We understand the need to protect the environment to maintain healthy fish populations in the Sacramento/San Joaquin rivers and delta, however, it seems that some locales are being asked to bear an undue amount of the burden. Traveling to areas in the northern part of the valley, I cannot help but notice the lush landscapes and green lawns of the residents, wishing we could enjoy the same luxury.

Furthermore, our portion of the valley is almost entirely dependent on the industry of agriculture, which provides produce for much of the state as well as the country. Without the water from the rivers to irrigate cropland, farmers here are forced to pump more groundwater, further reducing the underground aquifer on which we all depend for our water.

I urge you and your colleagues to reconsider policies that unfairly deprive our area of needed water in favor of our neighbors to the north.

Respectfully,

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