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Board President
General Manager,
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Joshua Eddy
Executive Director

The Honorable Bill Monning
Senate Majority Leader
State Capitol, Room 313
Sacramento, CA 95814

Rachelle Pastor Arizmendi
VP & Chief Operating
Officer for Pacific Asian
Consortium in
Employment

RE: SB 623

Ashley Boren
Executive Director,
Sustainable Conservation

Dear Senator Monning:

Donald Bransford, Owner,
Bransford Farms

Access to safe and affordable drinking water is right for all Californians. On behalf of the California State Board of Food and Agriculture I am writing in support of your efforts as outlined in SB 623 to establish a Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund that not only establishes an affordable drinking water fee on public users but also establishes a fee on fertilizing materials, dairies and other confined animal operations.

Nancy Casady
General Manager
Ocean Beach People's
Organic Food Co-Op

Helene Dillard, Dean
College of Agricultural and
Environmental Sciences
at the University of
California, Davis

As of May 2018, the State Water Resources Control Board reports that 269 public water systems are 'Out of Compliance' meaning that the public water system is in violation of one or more federal/state primary drinking water standard. Contaminants not only include nitrates, but also arsenic, perchlorates and radionuclides. The state's farmers and ranchers have done significant work over the last decades to reduce nitrate use and have adopted implementation measures to mitigate contamination. This Board believes that SB 623 allows for a collaborative approach to a safe and affordable drinking water solution.

Michael Gallo, Co-owner
Joseph Gallo Farms

Crystal Hayling,
Executive Director,
The Libra Foundation

Eric Holst,
Senior Director,
Environmental Defense
Fund

Jeff Huckaby, President
Grimmway Farms

We greatly appreciated your leadership in addressing this key issue for California. It is unacceptable that a percentage of individuals living in the 5th largest economy in the world do not have access to safe and affordable drinking water.

Bryce Lundberg,
Vice President,
Lundberg Family Farms

Martha Montoya,
President,
Los Kitos Produce

Frank Muller, Co-Owner
Muller Ranch, LLC

Sincerely,

Joy Sterling, CEO
Iron Horse Vineyards

Don J. Cameron
President

Andrew J. Thulin, Dean
College of Agriculture,
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cc: Karen Ross, California Department of Food and Agriculture

