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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to respectfully request that you consider the proposal outlined in the attached Water Fix Policy Paper.

A reliable water supply is essential to maintaining California's status as the world's 9th largest economy. Yet, the statewide system that supports most of California's residents and businesses is facing unprecedented challenges and is in dire need of restoration, repair and upgrade. This aging system – along with population growth, a changing climate, ecological degradation, and an inability to move past age-old water wars – is pushing the state toward a new era of water scarcity.

Given the breadth and statewide impact of this crisis, it is critical for the business community to engage. The fifteen signatory organizations below – together representing thousands of employers and more than 2 million California jobs – have been engaged with legislators and the administrations in both Sacramento and Washington, DC in an effort to reach agreement on a path forward to address California's water woes.

It is in the spirit of consensus that we offer our support for the Points of Agreement outlined in Chapter 3 of the Water Fix Policy Paper.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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