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Board President  
General Manager,  
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June 19, 2018

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

Ashley Boren  
Executive Director,  
Sustainable Conservation

RE: SB 623

Donald Bransford, Owner,  
Bransford Farms

Dear Senator Monning:

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

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.

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,  
Food and Environmental  
Sciences, California  
Polytechnic State  
University

cc: Karen Ross, California Department of Food and Agriculture

