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Dear Mr. Breitenbach:

We are unable to attend a public hearing. Please enter this letter in the public record on this matter.

We own two family farming organizations farming 263 acres of oranges and olives in Tulare County. Our family consists of my 99-year young mother, Vernice C. McKellar, my sister, Norene H. March and myself.

WATER IS CRITICAL TO OUR ABILITY TO GROWN ORANGES/OLIVES!

While millions of people will be affected by Cal-Fed's decisions, many (most) of the program appears to focus on fish. It is unthinkable, to us, that fish take precedence over the people who put food on the table for millions of people.

We have read the testimony by Farm Bureau, the Friant Water Users and CDFA. They, more eloquently than we can, make very important points for your consideration.

Americans depend on the food produced by California farmers. Farmers depend on land and water rights. Cal-Fed must guarantee water rights and reduce/minimize the loss of productive farmland.

We know that California farmland is a natural resource of global significance. We ship our oranges all over the world.

Please don't put our family farms out of business!

Cordially,

MC KELLAR FARMS, INC

Robert H. McKellar

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