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The Honorable Josh Harder 131 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

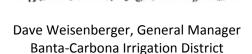
Dear Representative Harder,

We write today to request that you pursue a seat on the House Committee on Natural Resources.

We have appreciated your public acknowledgement of the importance of a reliable supply of high-quality water to the communities, agricultural economy, and ecosystems in California's  $10^{th}$  Congressional district. We are equally encouraged by your willingness to better understand the critical role the water and irrigation districts play in conveying this water to your constituents.

The jurisdiction of the House Committee on Natural Resources covers a broad scope of the regulatory and legislative issues facing water districts on a daily basis, including policies impacting water reliability and quality, policies impacting the environment, and policies addressing energy development, public lands and ocean and fishery resources. The Committee oversees the operational and regulatory agencies responsible for many of the decisions required by federal law allowing us to operate our projects that deliver water to the communities and agricultural industry within the 10th District of California.

At this time, we are aware the Committee on Natural Resources has vacant seats at this time and ask you to seek one of the remaining openings within the Committee. We stand ready to assist you and look forward to working with you to improve and protect the water supplies necessary for our communities, agricultural economy, and ecosystems to grow and flourish.



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