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Subject: Approve regulations to stop farm pollution

Dear Chairperson Hart

I am writing to urge the Central Valley Water Board to adopt a strong Regulatory Framework for irrigated agriculture that reports and reduces fertilizer use and protects groundwater quality. Small communities should not bear the cost of nitrate contamination of their drinking water. Regulation that requires all farmers to protect water quality will level the playing field for those that are already doing the right thing. .

Also you may want to remember that many of these farmers are already receiving US gov't farm subsidies which I would like to see eliminated. Bad press resulting from uncontrolled release into our water when combined with wider understanding by the water drinking public of those subsidies could have a detrimental impact on the political and economic futures of those who look the other way while these polluters go unchecked.

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