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Dear Friend:

I am in receipt of a letter you signed from the California Allied Grower Group outlining your concerns with the ongoing water crisis. I appreciate your feedback.

I am aware of the implications our continued water crisis has on our communities. I am also well aware that due to government restrictions and environmental regulations, promised water allocations are not going to our parched communities, but are instead being dumped into the ocean.

In less than five years, House Republicans have passed five bills that would alleviate the water crisis. Just recently Republicans were able to get language included in two appropriations bills and the energy authorization bill that would provide relief to the Valley. Unfortunately, even as the crisis deepens every year, our efforts have not been supported by our California senators or the Obama Administration – and many of our local agriculture groups actually accept the dismal status quo.

At a minimum, if the Senate could pass a water bill, it would create an opportunity for the House and Senate to negotiate a compromise that could finally bring some relief to Valley families, farmers, and communities. My colleagues and I continue to demand action from the Senate.

So what does this mean for the Valley? Unfortunately, we will remain mired in this manmade crisis for the foreseeable future. Until the Senate can produce and move a water bill, we need to prepare ourselves for more land to be taken out of production and more water to be flushed into the ocean and wasted. Let me be clear: acceptance of the status quo is not an option. I will continue, as I have for more than a decade, to be an unwavering advocate of water rights for the San Joaquin Valley. I invite you to read the enclosed article from *Investor's Business Daily* for a more extensive account of my views on the matter.

Thank you for taking the time to contact me. Please feel free to get in touch to share your thoughts. The best way to reach me is by emailing me through my website at [www.nunes.house.gov](http://www.nunes.house.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Devin Nunes".

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