Dear California Congressional Delegation:

Please find the attached letter from a statewide, comprehensive group of agricultural organizations and individual farmers. The list includes the California Farm Bureau, which has 53 local chapters throughout the state, the Western Growers, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), the California Cotton Growers Association, the California Cotton Ginners Association and the Western Agricultural Processors Association.

The letter acknowledges the critical conditions that exist in California and the need for Congressional and Executive action to solve the water supply crisis. With the future of the nation’s agricultural production at risk, farmers, farmworkers, and supporting businesses throughout the state are calling on the California Delegation to work cooperatively to preserve a vital element of the California economy and the source of jobs for many California families.

The time for decision-makers to act is now.
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The result? Everyone loses. Fish populations continue to decline while the lack of water hurts urban water users, farms, businesses, communities, state and local tax revenue and more. We all need a healthy environment in order to thrive and farmers’ very survival depends on it. But taking the same action over and over again and expecting a different result is the very definition of insanity.

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On behalf of the undersigned, we call upon you to consider the interests of all Californians and resolve our state’s water supply issues. The good news is that a solution is working its way through Congress as we speak. We have no more time to waste and respectfully demand that government act now by passing legislation that will secure a more reliable water future for all California water users – urban, farm, and environmental.

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