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July 9, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol, 1st Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814



Re: SB 200 (Monning, E Garcia, Bloom) Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of a broad and diverse coalition of organizations fighting to provide clean water for all Californians, we write to request your signature for SB 200, which would create a necessary Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund and enact the sustainable ongoing funding component of the safe water budget proposal developed by the Governor, the Speaker and the Pro Tem. SB 200 will provide urgently needed sustainable, ongoing funding for safe drinking water to address California's statewide drinking water crisis and guarantee that ALL

California children, families and communities have access to safe and affordable drinking water, while also bringing stronger, more climate resilient, 21st century drinking water service to every community in our state.

SB 200 is the work of a historic multi-year campaign to establish a Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund, and is built upon a foundation of decades of advocacy by the very communities impacted by unsafe water. These communities have advocated, persisted and persevered, year after year, in their fight to turn the notion that every Californian has a basic Human Right to Water into a reality. This campaign, in partnership with an extraordinary array of close partners represented on this letter, has been rooted in a few key principles: that access to safe water is a basic human right; that a truly sustainable funding solution is needed, not a bandaid approach; and that all Californians must be included. SB 200 meets these criteria and as such we are strongly in support. Additionally, the Fund, complemented by groundwater protection efforts, will secure safe drinking water not only for current Californians, but for generations to come.

We acknowledge and are grateful to your leadership and commitment to this effort -- this victory would not have been possible otherwise. We are also grateful to Assembly Speaker Rendon and Senate pro Tem Atkins for their shared commitment to addressing safe water. Finally, we are grateful to and acknowledge the tremendous hard work of Senator Monning who, in partnership with Assemblymember E Garcia and Assemblymember Bloom, worked tirelessly to see the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund through to the finish line.

We look forward to celebrating with you once SB 200 is signed into law and this shameful chapter of our state's history is put to a close. And we eagerly look forward to continued partnership as we move on to the next phase of this critical work, which is ensuring safe water project are finally brought to the communities that need them as quickly as possible. With that, we strongly urge your signature of SB 200.

Sincerely,



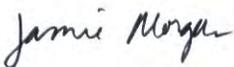
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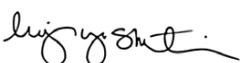
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