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Mr. Steve Ritchie, Acting Executive Director
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August 3, 2000

Dear Mr Ritchie,

I am a farm manager and farmer in Santa Barbara, California. I am the fifth generation of farmers in my family in this great state. As such, I am painfully aware of water and its importance to the state. Regarding the CALFED EIR, I am asking you to:

- please extend the comment period, I work over 80 hours per week and have small children. I need more time to study this document!
- Please hold hearings to explain this document in plain English! My wife is a paralegal and even she is having a tough time with it.

This plan is hugely important to the future of our state. Please give us more time to study and comment on this plan.

Sincerely,

Rick Shade

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