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Dear Mr. Snow,

This letter is to request additional CalFed hearings in the San Joaquin Valley. The locations chosen for hearings seem to ignore the Westside where the impact of the proposal will be significant.

Local farmers and ranchers who will be affected by this proposal need to voice their concerns. Due to the seasonal nature of the agriculture industry, we need more convenient locations for the hearings to give busy producers an opportunity to participate in these important discussions.

I suggest an additional hearing in Los Banos, Fresno and/or Modesto. Thank for your consideration of my request on behalf of the Merced County Farm Bureau.

Sincerely,


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President

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cc. California Farm Bureau Federation

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