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The Honorable Ken Calvert, Chair
House Water and Power Subcommittee
1522 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Fax: 202.226.6953

Re: City of Lakewood Water Agency Support for HR 2828

Dear Chairman Calvert:

The City of Lakewood is pleased to support HR 2828, your bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and address water challenges across the West.

We believe that the CALFED Program is California's best chance to make long-term, statewide improvements to water supply and conveyance infrastructure, while restoring the environment and helping recover threatened species.

We appreciate your commitment to reauthorize the program this year. Intense pressure continues to stress California's existing water resources. The CALFED Bay-Delta Program has been held up as the model for resolving conflicts in California and throughout the West where water issues are so critical. The program, however, can never realize its potential without authorization and funding.

We appreciate the fact that HR 2828 includes both an authorization of CALFED and a competitive grants program for projects like desalination and water recycling. Moving forward with a grants program for desalination and recycling will complement the CALFED Program and build upon the proven successes of these projects.

Thank you for your dedication to strengthening California's water supplies.

Sincerely,

Joseph Esquivel
Mayor

cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
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