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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Room 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 72 (Caballero) The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Newsom,

The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the leading small business voice in California with some 14,000 dues-paying members, urges you to sign SB 72 (Caballero) which updates the California Water Plan for a 21st Century agenda. SB 72 is a legacy bill which will complement and amplify your Water Supply Strategy and extend beyond any single Administration. California needs to align the state's water supply strategy and policies with realizable targets that will result in an adequate and reliable water supply for all beneficial uses including agriculture, the environment, the economy and all Californians. SB 72 is the solution to address the water challenges facing California.

SB 72 will bring the fundamental changes that are necessary to ensure a sustainable water future. SB 72 will do the following:

- Transform water management in California taking us from a perpetual state of supply vulnerability to a reliable and sufficient water supply that is adequate for all beneficial uses, including urban, agriculture, and the environment.
- Create a new "North Star" water supply planning target for 2040 that the state will need to work toward, along with a process to develop a target for 2050.
- Preserve the California way of life, supplying water to our homes and communities, habitat and environment, recreation and tourism, and business and economic

success.

- Support economic vitality for all businesses, from restaurants to technology companies, and employers that depend on a reliable water supply.
- Fulfill the generational responsibility to develop a water system that will adapt to changes in the environment and allow the state to thrive now and for future generations.

The California Water Plan is the strategic plan for managing and developing water resources for current and future generations in the state. SB 72 works within the structure of the current California Water Plan, which hasn't been meaningfully updated for decades. SB 72 updates the California Water Plan for a 21st century climate.

For these reasons, we respectfully request your signature on SB 72.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Taylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Tim Taylor
Legislative Director
National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)