July 18, 2016

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: S.2533 - Support

Dear Senator Feinstein,

On behalf of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, the Los Angeles/Orange County Building Trades and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, we want to affirm, as a community of Southern California stakeholders, the vital importance of S.2533, the California Long-Term Provisions for Water Supply and Short-Term Provisions for Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2016.

Your legislation will help address critical water management challenges facing our state, its businesses, working people, the agriculture industry, residents and the environment. S. 2533 authorizes funding and provides regulatory assistance to regions affected by drought for immediate and long term projects to develop, store, treat and deliver water. The bill could also help ensure greater reliability for the State Water Project (SWP), Colorado River Aqueduct and local water supplies. We are confident that funding for the Water Desalination Act of 1996 and funding for water recycling projects, as well as support for the EPA WaterSense Program will also help Southern California continue to meet future needs for our region.

We greatly appreciate your efforts and the opportunity to work with you in seeing S.2533 enacted into law by the 114th Congress. Thank you for your continued leadership in addressing California’s ongoing water needs.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Boxer
Southern California Congressional Delegation