

July 28, 2016

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The Honorable Rob Bishop
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The Honorable Frank Palone
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The Honorable Raul Grijalva
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Dear Conferees,

We understand that S.2012, North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2016, has passed both houses with bipartisan support and is entering into conference. The Fresno Council of Governments, representing nearly one million California residents, strongly supports S. 2012 and encourages the passage of it as is currently amended, with language from H.R.2898.

The inclusion of language addressing water needs is of paramount importance to residents, farmers and other property owners, businesses, industries, communities, counties and the environment within the San Joaquin Valley of California. We applaud you for making this matter a priority, as it is for us. We appreciate your skillful negotiation to identify responsible, long-term solutions for reliable water supply that assures, first and foremost, that the people of our nation are able to sustain themselves and proudly continue to feed the world with the abundance this land is able to produce.

Sincerely,



Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Policy Board Chair
Fresno Council of Governments