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September 11, 2023

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
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The Honorable Alex Padilla  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
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### **Re: S. 2202, the Restore Aging Infrastructure Now (RAIN) Act – SUPPORT**

On behalf of the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express our support for S. 2202, the *Restore Aging Infrastructure Now (RAIN) Act*.

This bill would invest in aging canals and other drinking water and irrigation facilities to provide environmental benefits and improve drinking water supplies for disadvantaged California communities.

The RAIN Act would authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to upgrade its aging canals and other facilities when they are repaired to serve multiple purposes, including environmental benefits and drinking water for disadvantaged communities. For the first time, Reclamation would be authorized to provide grant funding rather than loans for Reclamation facility upgrades that provide drinking water for disadvantaged communities. The bill would also incentivize agricultural and municipal irrigation districts to participate in these projects to add environmental and disadvantaged community benefits to these upgraded facilities by giving them a 15% discount on what they owe for repairing the facilities.

We are pleased to offer our support for the *RAIN Act*, and we thank you for your leadership on this important issue facing Monterey County and other communities across California.

Sincerely,

**Luis A. Alejo, Chair**  
Board of Supervisors

Cc: The Honorable Jimmy Panetta, 19<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
The Honorable Zoe Lofgren, 18<sup>th</sup> Congressional District