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Dear Chairwoman Felicia Marcus,

I am a resident of California. I am calling on you to include within your LIRA plan for California state legislative approval per AB 401, a provision to install a moratorium on all residential water service disconnections. Water shutoffs create a public health crisis. San Diego's Hepatitis A epidemic has resulted in 352 cases in the past year, with 264 hospitalizations and 14 deaths, due primarily to lack of sanitation. The state has the power to halt disconnection of water service to households. Make the right to water a reality. Stop the shutoffs NOW!

Sincerely,



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WATER IS A HUMAN RIGHT! STOP THE SHUTOFFS!

California state law AB 685 states "Every human being has a right to safe, clean, affordable and accessible water," yet tens of thousands of Californians have their water service disconnected each year due to inability to pay – 16,000 disconnections in 2016 in San Diego alone. In 2015, AB 401 recognized the need to create a Low Income Rate Assistance (LIRA) program. If skyrocketing water bills outstrip rate assistance, shutoffs will continue. There can be no human right to water that is real as long as shutoffs continue. The state must immediately enact a moratorium on the disconnection of water service to California residents.

The United Nations has established the internationally recognized standard that a household's budget for water and sanitation must not exceed 3% of household income. Any low-income rate assistance program must provide sufficient support to meet this standard.

Our state has agricultural and tech industries that each gross tens of billions of dollars, 131 billionaires and yet leads the nation in poverty at 20.6%. The 2016-2017 state budget included \$48 billion in tax breaks – primarily to wealthy corporations and individuals. There is no shortage of resources to ensure water is a human right.