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Dear Chair Marcus and Members of the Board:

I am a farmer who grows hay, cattle, corn and specialty seed crops in Glenn County, California. I have been following the State Water Resources Control Board's Proposed Order revising the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition's General Waste Discharge Requirements, and I am very concerned that my ability to continue to farm will be unnecessarily negatively burdened by the Proposed Order.

The proposed revisions to the East San Joaquin Waste Discharge Requirements and the potential impact the changes will have on the already successful cooperative Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, which has been in place for over a decade, are significant and costly. Given the precedential nature of the Proposed Order, it will not only have a severe impact on agricultural operations within the Central Valley, but throughout the state.

I'm concerned that there are too few people to sign off on the nitrogen management plans while will be a huge burden to the small farmers like myself.

I'm concerned that the increased reporting will add significant costs to my farm and make me less likely to continue farming.

I'm concerned that you are asking for data to be reported by individual, which goes against all previous promises that have been made.

I'm very concerned about the violation of privacy in such specific details about my farm and crops being available to the public.

It makes no sense to add regulations onto areas which are complying with the order. We all want to protect our water, but these regulatory requirements do nothing to help the situation and instead place an unfair burden on small farmers.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kelly Douglass