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Dear Administrator Regan, Administrator Guzman, and Director Dorka:

We write to express our support for the Title VI Complaint and Petition for Rulemaking by Complainant-Petitioners **(b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy**

We serve majority-minority communities in the urban Delta. Members of these communities live with profound and disproportionate harms from a constellation of sources, including polluted and stagnant waterways and ongoing air pollution. These compounding environmental harms impact the health and wellbeing of residents and the livability of our communities.

For these reasons, we have supported efforts by Complainant-Petitioners to obtain relief for disadvantaged Delta communities by petitioning the State Water Resources Control Board to update water quality standards for the Bay-Delta to improve instream flows and address harmful algal blooms that plague our communities. The Board has refused to act on these requests.

It is clear to us that the State Water Resources Control Board will not act on its own to improve conditions for marginalized communities harmed by poor Delta water quality. We therefore support Complainant-Petitioners' request that the EPA initiate an investigation into the Board's violations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., and the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, 40 C.F.R. Part 7. We also urge the EPA to act on the Petition for Rulemaking and exercise its authority under Section 303(c) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1313(c)(4)(B), to directly promulgate water quality standards for the Bay-Delta that protect beneficial uses.

We sincerely hope that this formal request and actions taken by the EPA will help to protect our communities and improve water quality, so that the residents we serve can benefit from the fishable, swimmable, and drinkable waterways that they are entitled to by law.

Thank you for considering our support.

Sincerely yours,

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