



Delta Counties Coalition

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"Working together on water and Delta issues"

December 20, 2018

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker-designate
United States House of Representatives
H-204, United States Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker-designate Pelosi:

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Counties of Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, and Yolo, working together as the Delta Counties Coalition (DCC), write to express our opposition to efforts to extend temporary Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta operations provisions included in the *Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act* (WIIN Act).

We are particularly concerned with efforts to extend provisions allowing export pumping to exceed limits established in biological opinions produced by both the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect endangered and threatened salmon, steelhead, Delta smelt and sturgeon. These export limits were developed to ensure the minimum protections necessary to avoid jeopardizing the continued existence and recovery of endangered and threatened fish. Congress should not undermine these protections by extending the Delta operations provisions of the WIIN Act.

Given that the Delta-related provisions of the WIIN Act do not expire until 2021, we encourage you and your colleagues to oppose current efforts to extend these provision through 2028, particularly since Congress has not yet had a chance to evaluate their effectiveness or impact.

The DCC appreciates your support for work aimed at addressing the consequences of California's ongoing water supply challenges, and we look forward to working with you to

ensure that any potential solutions not only support a more resilient water supply for California, but promote and protect a healthy Delta environment.

Sincerely,



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