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To: The Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Yolo County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

The extension of an interim pause of the Moratorium in drilling new wells in the "Focus Areas" of Yolo County.

We are Yolo County residents in the "Focus Area", residing here for 33 years. We have great concerns about the continued increase in large farm water wells being approved, to drill multiple large water wells, for crops that consume vast amounts of well water, from the water table in the "Focus Areas".

We had to replace our original water well, as it did not have a large enough capacity of water flow for our residential usage. We share the same water shortage, and water well replacement challenges, as our entire neighborhood, and those in the "Focus Areas" do. My own mother, and next-door neighbor, at age 88 years old had to relocate this year, in part, over well water concerns, as she did not have the financial resources to drill a third new residential water well.

We have had the privilege of living next to family farms that use well water conservation methods, and practices, because they have always realized how important it is for everyone in the "Focus Areas" to balance food production, with community needs, and at the same time preserve our ground water. Seemingly, everyone in the "Focus Areas" have been affected, and lives with the challenges of well water issues. We would like to see our "Focus Areas" residents and family farms, be able to continue to reside here, and not become nonexistent due to water shortages. Large industrial farming that uses multiple large wells, and gross amounts of water, for gross water gobbler crops, just doesn't seem contentious, prudent, or responsible, in our "Focus Areas". We should all collaborate, and strive to be good care takers of our ground water. If we don't, then we believe that first, the resident families and small farms may become extinct, then eventually

the industrial large water gobbler farms may not have enough water, and then they too will leave this beautiful area, leaving no water resources, whatsoever. We also believe that, if we can take action now, to manage, monitor, evaluate data, and make conscientious choices by carefully weighing all information and factors as to what should, and should not be considered as prudent and feasible for these "Focus Areas". Would you please consider taking positive action for all of us, and for future generations, here in these focus areas of Yolo County, and please don't wait until it is too late.

We would greatly appreciate your kind reconsideration in extending an interim pause until there is enough information to make an informed decision about drilling new wells in the "Focus Areas" of Yolo County, and allowing for the collection of data, and understanding of hydro geologic characterization of the "Focus Areas" of Yolo County to continue.

In appreciation, we thank you for your time and consideration, concerning this matter.