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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Recommended Veto of SB 1 (Atkins)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully write to request your veto of Senate Bill 1, which requires that state environmental and labor agencies to adopt specific federal environmental, natural resources, and labor standards as emergency regulations as they existed on January 19, 2017.

Recent press reports have stated that you intend to veto Senate Bill 1. I agree wholeheartedly with the statement you made that SB 1, "... limits the state's ability to rely upon the best available science to protect our environment." One of the most troubling issues that I had with SB 1 is how it would treat voluntary agreements entered into between the state and federal government on water conveyance in the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project. The passage of SB 1 would invalidate those agreements and impose outdated methods of operation that do not acknowledge the new scientific consensus, which would decimate numerous communities within the Central Valley.

Again, thank you for agreeing to veto this legislation

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Grove".

Shannon Grove
Senate Republican Leader