



## United States Senate

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Dear California Colleague:

The House of Representatives will soon consider S. 22, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act. This legislation includes many provisions which are vitally important for California, and I hope you will vote to enact them into law.

These bi-partisan provisions reflect the considered judgment of many Members of the California delegation and those we represent. Nineteen measures in the bill were sponsored by Members of the California delegation in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress. Fourteen were sponsored by California Republicans. Of the California measures, sixteen were passed by the House in the last session with little to no opposition – fifteen were passed under suspension rules. Two others were considered in committee. In the Senate, the omnibus passed with almost half the Republican caucus' support. Collectively, these provisions implement a number of collaborative efforts by business interests, local elected officials, state and federal government, and other constituents.

Many measures will provide real economic benefits and water security for our State, which is increasingly important in the present drought. The bill includes:

- Implementation of a landmark settlement on the San Joaquin River that will restore one of California's largest rivers while protecting the local agricultural economy and minimizing water supply impacts.
- Six separate measures that increase water supply in southern California, the San Joaquin Valley, and the Bay Area.
- Three separate measures to enhance water quality in important State waters.

The omnibus lands act is a well-considered bi-partisan bill that includes many key provisions that will greatly benefit California. I hope that you will vote now to enact them into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dianne" being particularly prominent.

Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator