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To: Chair Ken Helm,
Vice-Chair Mark Owens,
Vice-Chair Jeff Reardon, and
Members of the House Water Committee

RE: Floor Letter in Support of SB 130, Extension of District Temporary Transfer Pilot Program

Dear Chair Helm, Vice-Chair Owens, Vice-Chair Reardon, and Members of the Committee,

North Unit Irrigation District (NUID) is supportive of SB 130 Irrigation District Pilot Project (Program) and would like to see the Program continued indefinitely. NUID has had many Program participants in the past and expects to have a level of participation from its water users in the future that warrants continuation of the Program.

NUID water users greatly appreciate the convenience and flexibility the Program offers by allowing them to make operational decisions on cropping changes and rotations that may not otherwise be available without the Program. If the Program were not in place, it would limit the decision-making process for NUID water users and create a lengthy and expensive transfer process for NUID and the water user. Further, the Program is also a great asset in addressing beneficial use issues and helps to serve in meeting beneficial use requirements for NUID and its water users.

NUID maintains valuable working relationships with its water users and would like to continue providing the benefits of the Program to valued NUID water users.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself, Josh Bailey at Pam Watson of our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Britton", is written over the typed name.

Mike Britton
District Manager