

The Honorable John A. Perez, Speaker  
California Assembly  
State Capital Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
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The Honorable Darrell Steinberg, President pro Tempore  
California Senate  
State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for the bills in the Human Right to Water Bill Package:  
AB 685 (Eng) the Human Right to Water  
AB 938 (V.M. Perez) Language Access  
AB 983 (Perea) Small Water System Consolidation  
AB 1187 (Fong) Drinking Water Plan  
AB 1221 (Alejo) Wastewater Funding  
SB 244 (Wolk) General Planning for Unincorporated Communities

Dear Mr. Speaker and Senator Steinberg:

As a Unitarian Universalist whose faith supports both environmental sustainability and human rights I am writing to ask for your support of the six bills in the Human Right to Water package. As we face climate change and its impact on our shared water resources, it becomes ever more important that we clarify the human right to water and help to make it real in California.

Access to clean, safe and affordable water for basic human needs is a fundamental human right - essential to personal health, livable communities and a strong economy.

Unfortunately, nitrates and other contaminants have fouled the groundwater upon which many Californians depend. In some of the poorest communities around the state, residents must either pay to fund expensive treatment or they must buy and transport bottled water. Some are forced to drink contaminated water because they cannot afford the alternative. Families who cannot pay their water bills risk losing their water service altogether.

The six bills in the Human Right to Water package establish a right to water for basic human needs as a policy of the state of California and make substantive changes to existing programs to begin to realize this right. These bills are designed to move California forward toward a day when everyone in California can safely fill a glass of water from their tap and drink it without fear of becoming sick.

Please help ensure that the six bills in the Human Right to Water package are adopted by the legislature. This legislation is vital to local communities and provides an important example to states across the nation.

Sincerely,

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