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March 22, 2022

The Honorable Bill Quirk
Chair, Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee
1020 N Street, Room 171
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2163 (Rubio) – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Quirk,

On behalf of the California Groundwater Coalition (CGC), I write to express our support for AB 2163 (Rubio) which would allow the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (WQA) to continue its important work to remediate the Main San Gabriel Basin Water Basin of industrial pollution.

CGC was formed at the urging of California state and local officials who believed that increased efforts were needed to educate and inform policy makers and the public about California groundwater resources. CGC members include public and private groundwater management entities located throughout California and consist of experts with technical, legal, and professional groundwater and related expertise.

The WQA was created to tackle the public health and safety water quality crisis gripping the San Gabriel Valley, home to the nation's largest Superfund site. The WQA's board of directors includes local city council members and public and private water purveyors who are dedicated to working aggressively to address the contaminant concerns in the San Gabriel Basin.

The WQA is set to sunset as an agency in 2030. AB 2163 would extend the life of the WQA by 20 years, pushing the sunset date out to 2050, thus allowing the WQA to continue its vital lead role in remediating harmful contaminants from a natural resource that provides 90% of local drinking water for future generations. The extension allows the WQA to continue to work with US EPA, DTSC, and responsible parties to frame and implement cleanup agreements that are essential for the public health and safety of the people of the San Gabriel Valley.

For these reasons, CGC is in support of AB 2163 and respectfully requests your "AYE" vote when this bill comes before you. If you have questions about CGC's position please contact our Legislative Advocate, Rosanna Carvacho Elliott at 916-479-7400 or rosanna@clearadvocacy.com.

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Sincerely,



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