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May 2, 2022

The Honorable Chris Holden  
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
1021 O Street, Room 8220  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2447 (Quirk) – SUPPORT**

Dear Chairman Holden,

On behalf of the California Groundwater Coalition (CGC), I write to express our support for AB 2447 (Quirk) which prohibits the disposal of produced wastewater into unlined ponds and the construction of new unlined ponds.

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.

CGC's focus is on the protection of California's groundwater basins both from contamination and over pumping. Unfortunately, when produced water is disposed of in unlined ponds it can percolate into the soil and the groundwater basin below.

Simply lining ponds can prevent groundwater contamination. AB 2447 requires this simple change to the way that produced wastewater is disposed and bans the use of unlined pits for produced water disposal to protect California's precious water resources and public health.

For these reasons, CGC is in support of AB 2447 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](mailto:rosanna@clearadvocacy.com).

Sincerely,

Ann DuBay  
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cc: The Honorable Bill Quirk  
Honorable Members, Assembly Appropriations Committee

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