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On Behalf

Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and

Water

Measure: HB3163

Chair Helm, Vice-Chair Hartman and Owens, and members of the Committee.

I am writing to express my strong support for HB3163, which would establish a Place-Based Water Planning Fund and provide ongoing funding for water planning purposes.

I know that water resources are critical to our economy and our way of life. Our region has faced significant challenges related to water management in recent years, from droughts to flooding events. This bill will help us better plan for these challenges and develop integrated water resources plans that are tailored to the unique needs of our communities.

By providing ongoing funding for water planning purposes, this bill will ensure that our state is better prepared to manage our water resources in the years ahead. It will also help us to identify and implement innovative solutions that can help us to conserve water, protect our ecosystems, and support economic growth.

I urge you to support this bill and to help us to build a more sustainable future for our state. Thank you for your consideration.