May 1, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom, Governor of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Assemblymember Eddie Garcia
State Capitol, Room 4140
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Senator Bill Monning
State Capitol, Room 313
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SUPPORT for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund – Governor’s Trailer Bill Proposal, AB 217 (E Garcia), SB 200 (Monning)

Dear Governor Newsom, Assemblymember Garcia, and Senator Monning:

As businesses depending on a reliable, good quality source of water in California for both our operations and for the communities where our employees and customers live, we, the undersigned, strongly support the creation and implementation of a Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund package – which is currently incorporated into the Governor’s budget trailer bill language, AB 217 (E. Garcia) and SB 200 (Monning). A sustainable funding source should be adopted and implemented by the state to ensure access to safe and affordable drinking water for all Californians.
All Californians have a basic right to safe and affordable drinking water. Yet, a million Californians are impacted by unsafe drinking water each year, with hundreds of communities unable to consistently provide safe drinking water -- some for a decade or longer.¹ This is unacceptable. In the fifth largest economy in the world, we can and must ensure that all Californians have access to safe and affordable drinking water.

Our businesses are active members of the community. We employ large numbers of Californians and our customer base extends throughout the state. We believe that the business sector can be part of the solution to ensure access to safe and affordable drinking water for all Californians. Thus, we support the state adopting a Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund and look forward to working with the authors to ensure a comprehensive solution is adopted by the state.

Thank you for your continued leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Adobe - San Jose, CA
Burton Snowboards - Burlington, VT
Channel Island Surfboards - Santa Barbara, CA
Clif Bar & Company - Emeryville, CA
Danone - Denver, CO
Dignity Health - San Francisco, CA
Driscoll's - Watsonville, CA
EILEEN FISHER - Irvington, NY
Fetzer Vineyards - Hopland, CA
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Healthcare Without Harm - Reston, VA
Levi Strauss & Co. - San Francisco, CA
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