



## United States Senate

August 27, 2018

The Honorable Al Muratsuchi  
Acting Chair, Committee on Natural Resources  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 2179  
Sacramento, CA 94249

Dear Chair Muratsuchi,

I write to express my strong support for Senate Bill 120 (SB 120), which I understand will be before your Committee tomorrow. I ask for your help to advance this bill out of the Committee on Natural Resources and pass it in this legislative session.

SB 120 is key to safeguarding California's fragile desert and its most vital resource – water. In light of rollbacks of federal protections for public lands, state protections are needed now more than ever.

The Cadiz water extraction project illustrates the urgent need for SB 120. Cadiz, Inc. continually chooses to disregard objective scientific analyses by the U.S. Geological Survey and National Park Service that show the maximum recharge rate for the targeted aquifers is between 2,000 and 10,000 acre feet of water per year. Instead, Cadiz proposes to extract an average of 50,000 acre feet over a 50-year period. In short, this would decimate the desert.

Projects like Cadiz put private profit over public lands that belong to all Californians. I have included a photo of my favorite desert tortoise. The survival of this and many rare desert species depend on our protecting the iconic California desert.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein".

Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator

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