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Chair Felicia Marcus

Dear Chair Marcus,

I am 66 years old and have visited California wetlands for 60 years, first in the shoreline of Belmont on the San Francisco peninsula. I encountered what are now endangered species first in creeks along the ocean in San Mateo County - the Red-egged Frog and the Santa Cruz Garter Snake. The creek there used to flow free; now it comes out of a concrete culvert under Highway 1. No more frogs, no more snakes - I was just there.

Action is needed now to establish the most stringent possible regulations regarding the harm or destruction of California wetlands.

Those that want to obliterate our wetlands do so for their FINANCIAL gain. This only enriches them, and hurts the people of California.

Unless the regulations are stringent and enforced assiduously, those financial interests will just come back again and again to weaken them, lessen them, obliterate them.

Stand strong for the people of California.

Sincerely,

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