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Hi Peter:

As a third generation San Franciscan I have learned to respect the need for managing our precious water resources in the State of California and to respect the public officials working for the common good of all our citizens. Californians and our government has been a model for the world on how to take care of our environment and provide services to the people. I am very proud to be a Californian and proud of the leaders in our public sector.

Unfortunately, in the recent past, both the counties where I pay taxes are under siege. San Luis Obispo County is having to fight against long term federal regulations allowing trains carrying potentially explosive crude oil from traveling through our cities to get to the Santa Maria Refinery which will process this product for export to other countries. In Plumas County, the State is considering a program which could potentially turn Lake Almanor into another Clear Lake, congested with algae.

As you know, Plumas is a very small and poor county dependent on tourism in order to survive from year to year. The largest draw to the county is Lake Almanor. Many folks, more knowledgeable than me, have indicated there are very negative outcomes to removing cold water from the lake. Lately during our "drought years", the water is already deteriorating. The idea of establishing a thermal curtain now would prove very harmful to the ecology of the lake and the economy of Plumas County. I know you have read the documents generated by Supervisor Bill Dennison, so I will recount what you already know. But, even an average citizen like myself can tell the Lake is at risk...before the Thermal Curtain.

California currently has a very congested San Francisco Bay Area and Los Angeles Basin. The Central Valley appears to be fighting to preserve its agriculture-based economy and its casual life style. We have the coast, which is protected by the Coastal Commission and we have the Sierras and Cascades. We need to protect and preserve the beauty and the health of our state's nature-based resources. I can not say the thermal curtain will ruin Lake Almanor, but why take the chance. Why allow some political interests to put one of our State's treasures at risk? If our government is truly for the people...why would the government support a project which benefits no one in Plumas county and benefits no one down stream. People can be economically hurt and the environment can be irreversibly damaged by this project. There is no positive outcome...Please support Lake Almanor and the surrounding environment.

Best regards,
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