

Good morning and thank you Mr. Chairman for hosting this Members' Day Hearing today. This past year has been a challenge given the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuring our communities have basic resources. Which brings me here today to talk about the importance of our water resources and accessibility. This committee holds jurisdiction over federal water infrastructure projects across our nation that are critical to conveying and delivering water to all communities.

As we continue to see chronic hydrological drought conditions in the West, we must use an all-of-the-above approach towards water storage. Flexibility and accessibility are a must if we are going to create resilient solutions for managing our water resources. As California continues to see worse drought conditions each year, my legislation, H.R. 2552, *the Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Act* will fund repairs on critical canals in California

This legislation will provide more than \$653 million to fund repairs on three major canals that convey water from north to south in the State of California in addition to \$180 million dedicated to restore salmon runs on the San Joaquin River. These canals were built for over half a century ago and are vital pieces of water infrastructure responsible for carrying water supplies for municipal and agricultural use in the San Joaquin Valley. Nobody should ever have to go without accessibility to clean drinking water.

In addition, restoring these canals will help improve California's drought resilience and help California comply with limits on groundwater pumping under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. We must continue to take an all-of-the-above approach if we are going to create sustainable solutions, and we must do this together.

Mr. Chairman, and Mr. Huffman, I look forward to working with both of you to get this piece of legislation across the finish line. Thank you and I yield back.