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April 13, 2022

The Honorable Chris Holden
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 8220
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Support Letter for SB 2163 (Rubio) San Gabriel Water Quality Authority

Dear Chair Holden,

On behalf of the City of Azusa, we are proud to support Assembly Bill 2163 that would allow the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (WQA) to continue its important work to remediate the Main San Gabriel Basin Water Basin of industrial pollution.

The WQA was created to tackle the public health and safety water quality crisis gripping the San Gabriel Valley, home to the nation's largest Superfund site. The WQA's board of directors includes local city council members and public and private water purveyors who are dedicated to working aggressively to address the contaminant concerns in the San Gabriel Basin.

The WQA is set to sunset as an agency in 2030. Assembly Bill 2163 would extend the life of the Authority by 20 years. The extension would take the sunset date from 2030 to 2050, thus allowing the WQA to continue its vital lead role in remediating harmful contaminants from a natural resource that provides 90% of local drinking water for future generations. The extension allows the WQA to continue to work with US EPA, DTSC, and responsible parties to frame and implement cleanup agreements that are essential for the public health and safety of the people of the San Gabriel Valley.

For these reasons, the City of Azusa is proud to support this important measure and urges your support in committee on behalf of the Californians who would benefit from the passage of this proposal.

Sincerely,

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