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To: Yang_Mary@Waterboards
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Dear Mary,

I am strongly opposed to reduced cost of water for low income users. I believe there are Constitutional issues. There is equal protection under the law. Just like telephone 'lifeline' rates and energy 'care' program, this is unconstitutional. It is wrong to charge people different rates for whatever reason; income, race, educational level, 'white privilege' etc etc. Plain wrong!

There may be other options to implement AB 401. As suggested, there could be other cost-effective methods of offering assistance to low-income water customers besides rate assistance, including billing alternatives, installation of water conservation devices, and leak repair.

I strongly urge the consideration of these other methods.

Thanks, and have a great day,
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