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Dear Townsend,

I am the father of four children. I want you to know that you are doing important work that impacts the health and welfare of millions of Californian children and their families.

Please do not hesitate to stand up for us all and act as guardians for the common benefits of clean water.

We often go to Goleta Beach, the most popular beach in our area. There is a lovely estuary there, but the water is often smelly and sudsy and in such a state that I won't let my children play in it - though they would love to. You can help make the estuary a safe place for the kids.

I appreciate the state water board's work to update the 15-year-old Industrial General Stormwater Permit. Runoff pollution from industrial facilities can contain heavy metals such as lead, zinc and copper that are highly toxic and endanger California's communities and watersheds.

I am concerned that, after more than two years of work, many aspects of the proposed permit reflect a step backward from the current permit, and even the 2011 draft permit.

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I urge the board to develop a streamlined permit that is clear and enforceable, and that will achieve the shared goal of collecting more and better data. California needs clear limits on the amount of stormwater pollutants discharged into our water bodies in order to provide facilities a clear path to compliance, and to facilitate efficient enforcement by the state and regional water boards.

We all need California waterways that are safe for swimming, drinking and fishing.

Thanks for your efforts.

Sincerely,

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