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Dear Officers and Members of the Board,

My husband and I have lived in the Sacramento Delta since July of 2009. We are two of the Delta's 515,264 citizens who will be negatively impacted by the tunnel project. In our hometown of Walnut Grove, 1,542 residents will be negatively affected – first by the 14-year construction period, which is described as “temporary” in the environmental documents. The impacts to Walnut Grove include unacceptable levels of air pollution from hundreds of diesel engines running at the construction sites, noise from pile driving, and clogged roads from thousands of truck trips every day. These impacts will also happen to the people who live in and around the towns of Hood and Clarksburg. Assuming we survive the 14-year construction period, long-term our water quality will be diminished. With water diverted upstream from us, and lower flows on the Sacramento River, saltwater will intrude farther upstream, which will damage the water quality of our wells.

With so many negative impacts, this project goes against the Delta Reform Act's co-equal goals, which are to be “achieved in a manner that protects the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource values of the Delta.” Our livelihood and quality of life – and our neighbors' – would be severely compromised by the tunnel project. The entire Delta will be harmed. For this I ask the Board NOT to grant the diversion permits.

Sincerely  
/signed/ Nancy Overmeyer

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