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Ms. Bev Wasson, President
Sonoma County Farm Bureau
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Dear Bev:

Today, the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee passed out my legislation to establish the Laguna de Santa Rosa as a National Wildlife refuge. This measure will be considered by the full House of Representatives in the next week or so.

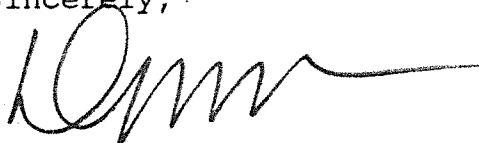
The committee struck language from the legislation that would have provided for purchase of land by the government from willing sellers only. Apparently, this language would set a precedent and is not contained in any other similar legislation. Thus the committee rejected this language.

In discussion with property owners along the Laguna, I agreed to provide, within the bill, language specifying that only willing sellers would be asked to sell their land to the government. This letter is sent to assure you that I intend to stick to that commitment and will not allow the bill to move further or to become law, without this provision.

If the Laguna measure does not become law this year, I will work with the Farm Bureau and affected landowners to be sure subsequent legislation is satisfactory.

Please communicate this information to those of your members who are concerned about this.

Sincerely,



DOUGLAS H. BOSCO
Member of Congress

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