



UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

September 24, 2014

Vice President Joe Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Vice President Biden:

It is my understanding that you will be visiting California's San Joaquin Valley in early October. I welcome you to my home, the Central Valley, and would like to extend to you an invitation to visit the communities most affected by California's devastating drought.

The drought has created severe economic and social hardships for my constituents. I have worked tirelessly with both Democrats and Republicans in the House and Senate to provide relief to the families and farmers in California's San Joaquin Valley, the agricultural capital of our nation.

The drought crisis has resulted in the fallowing of hundreds of thousands of acres of prime farm land, leading to increased food prices and skyrocketing unemployment rates in the San Joaquin Valley.

Farm workers have lost their jobs, forcing them to leave their homes and take their children elsewhere to find employment. As a result, San Joaquin Valley schools have been forced to lay off teachers and combine classes.

The drought crisis in the San Joaquin Valley transcends partisan politics. It is an honor to have you visit the San Joaquin Valley. Please consider my invitation to join me to see the effects of this crisis first-hand.

Regards,
A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Valadao', written over a white background.

David G. Valadao
Member of Congress