



Dear Ray:

I'm Debbie Peterson, candidate for San Luis Obispo County Supervisor, and I'm worried about water.

I'm especially worried that some of our county supervisors are using our ongoing water crisis and drought to impose burdensome new regulations, restrictions, fees, and permits on both residential and agricultural wells. They want to expand the Paso Robles Groundwater Urgency Ordinance countywide without public input!

I am a strong supporter of property rights and our local farmers and ranchers. Agriculture is the economic engine for much of our economy and without water, our ag industry perishes. I do not want to see our hard-working farmers and ranchers made the scapegoats for years of failure at the state level to address our water challenges.

Our drought crisis has been worsened by a statewide failure to plan for population growth and drought conditions. We have not been building the storage facilities and infrastructure required to address this crisis. This failure is not the fault of San Luis Obispo County's farm and ranch families, but a failure of the politicians in Sacramento.

That's why I'm writing you today.

I am asking for your help to bring a common-sense approach to water back to the Board of Supervisors. There are right ways and wrong ways to deal with the current situation, but singling out our agricultural community and imposing more fees and restrictions is the wrong way to go.

If you agree with me that we should instead be bringing together our farmers and ranchers, hydrologists, geologists, and engineers to build a consensus around policies that will

work without damaging our economy, I would like to have your support in my campaign.

I am running against Supervisor Adam Hill and that probably is all I need to say to you about why it is so important for me to win this election.

Your contribution for \$1,000, \$500, \$250 or \$100 today will go a long way toward helping my campaign get the message out about common-sense solutions to our water crisis. I have stepped forward already – on radio and on social media – to alert the community to the efforts of Supervisors Hill and Gibson to force through the countywide extension of the Paso Water Ordinance.

Will you help me? You can also assist my campaign by hosting a fundraiser or introducing me to your friends and colleagues.

Thank you for your time today and I look forward to hearing from you. Please feel free to call me at 550-4490 if I can answer any of your questions.

Sincerely yours,

Debbie Peterson