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Washington, D.C. – Congressman Jerry McNerney issued the following statement today in response to the pending committee markup of H.R. 1837:

“This bill is yet another example of a water scheme created behind closed doors and without the input of the Delta communities. Any legislation that will forever affect the Delta must include the input of the people who reside there and rely on a healthy Delta for their livelihoods.

“This bill is deeply-flawed, and it will rob the Delta of clean water and reduce the quality of the water that remains. To steal water from one community to benefit another is unconscionable and would have disastrous consequences for the Delta communities.

“This is yet another example of how greedy water exporters and their allies will stop at nothing to achieve their goals with total disregard for the disastrous consequences for the Delta.

“I will continue to call for fair solutions that include the input of all stakeholders, and to stand with the families, farmers, and small business owners who rely on the Delta for their economic security.”