

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Raul Grijalva
Chairman
Committee on Natural Resources
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rob Bishop
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on Natural Resources
1329 Longworth HOB
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Dear Chairman Grijalva and Ranking Member Bishop,

Thank you for your leadership overseeing the House Committee on Natural Resources. We write today to formally request a hearing on H.R. 3399, the Nutria Eradication and Control Act.

The population explosion of Nutria in the Central Valley threatens the operation of our water systems, which is vitally important to our farmers and the health of our ecosystems. Nutria is an invasive species that can rupture the levees we use for retention and flood control and hurt our agricultural economy by consuming and destroying crops and spreading disease, including “nutria itch,” to livestock and humans. This infestation requires swift and decisive action, including support from Congress.

This bill reauthorizes the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 and directs \$7 million of funding towards Nutria management in California and the restoration of lands affected by this invasive species. With your help, we can draw further attention to this bill and the problem it helps to solve, and help mitigate the damage to the Central Valley’s economy.

Thank you again, Chairman Grijalva and Ranking Member Bishop, for your thoughtful review. We appreciate everything you do to support the Central Valley.

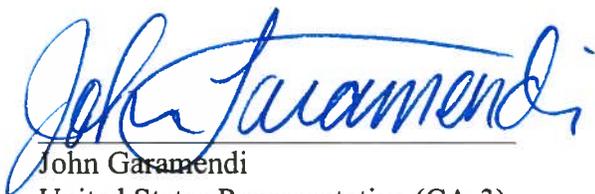
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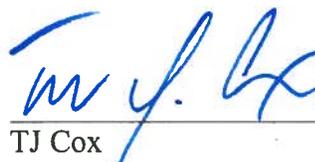
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