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**Subject: Border Wastewater Infrastructure Program (BWIP) and the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am concerned about the sewage, trash and chemicals that afflict the Tijuana River Valley. Sewage contamination is a recurring problem in the area. Yearly rain events bring an estimated 60,000 tons of sediment, 5,000+tires and countless **tons** of plastics into the Tijuana River Valley and the Pacific Ocean. A recent study administered by Customs and Border Protection revealed chemical contaminants crossing into the United States including but not limited to: Uranium, Cyanide, Arsenic, Lead and Benzidine. This all travels through the Tijuana River Valley and into the Pacific Ocean. I therefore am writing to express my support for the following:

1. **A massive increase in the budget allocated for the BWIP program for the next fiscal year.** The BWIP funds US border infrastructure projects in full and Mexican infrastructure projects based on a 1:1 matched funding system. BWIP is currently funded at \$15 million/year.
2. **Utilization of the USMCA to ensure that Mexico adheres to the U.S. Clean Water Act with respect to all transboundary flows.** As the replacement of NAFTA, the USMCA is vital to the economies of the United States and Mexico but NAFTA fell short with respect to environmental regulation. The USMCA should require that Mexico adhere to the U.S. Clean Water Act with respect to all flows entering the United States.

Please consider the above requests.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to receiving your update.

Sincerely,

Name:

Address: