



Statement on the Passing of Senator Feinstein

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Washington, D.C. —Family Farm Alliance leaders today issued statements on the passing of Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CALIFORNIA).

“We were saddened to hear the news that Senator Feinstein passed away last night at her home in Washington, D.C. We had nearly 30 Western water users in Washington this week as part of our annual D.C. fly-in. Several of us met with Senator Feinstein’s staff, who we’ve been working with – as we have for over two decades – on constructive water legislation,” said Alliance Executive Director Dan Keppen (OREGON). **“We had a wonderful working relationship with Senator Feinstein and her office. She had a passion for water resources management and development and worked with all sides on tough issues to advance solutions for the benefit of California and the entire West. She has left an extraordinary legacy in Western water.”**

“Senator Feinstein was a fearless leader; her passing is a significant loss for our nation and the State of California. Her leadership in California water issues was essential and she was involved in many critical solutions and agreements,” said Cannon Michael, an Alliance board member who farms in California’s Central Valley. **“She was unafraid to demand accountability and cooperation and was willing to call out those who would not participate publicly. I will miss her no-nonsense approach and willingness to take on the most challenging issues. Senator Feinstein leaves behind a lasting legacy of leadership and the impact of her efforts will live on for generations.”**

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The Alliance is a grassroots organization of family farmers, ranchers, irrigation districts and allied industries in 16 Western states. The Alliance is focused on one mission: To ensure the availability of reliable, affordable irrigation water supplies to Western farmers and ranchers.

We will continue to keep you informed on this and other developments impacting Western irrigated agriculture.

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