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Please deny the demand from the Southern Nevada Water Authority for groundwater rights in White Pine and Lincoln counties.

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Dear King,

We believe the scientific information is overwhelming: Draining 50 billion gallons of groundwater from the Great Basin would devastate Native American communities, rural economies and wildlife habitat over a huge area.

Further, the families and small businesses of Las Vegas, recovering from a brutal recession, cannot afford the huge price tag for this project.

I have read the BLM's summary of the draft EIS for this project which indicates the potential -- and often the high probability -- of multiple detrimental effects to vegetation, wildlife, and livestock. These effects include threats to rare and endangered species (particularly associated with springs), to wetlands in general, and also to "dry" environments now dominated by plants such as sagebrush and rabbitbrush. The latter are, in particular, threatened by changes in wildfire regimes and, thus, invasion of highly damaging species, especially cheatgrass.

I lived in Ely for four years and was struck by the fact that everyone in that area I ever talked to about the water pipeline project was against it. This included long-time and recently-arrived residents, liberals and conservatives, BLM and Forest Service employees, environmentalists, and ranchers. Everyone recognized that the pipeline was going to be bad for the landscape and bad for their way of life.

I urge you to deny the applications filed by the Southern Nevada Water Authority and support the best interests of all of Nevada.

Sincerely,

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