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Office of the State Engineer of Nevada
STATE ENGINEERS OFFICE
attn. Susan Joseph-Taylor, Chief Hearing Officer

Dear Jason King, State Engineer:

Please DO NOT APPROVE the construction of the proposed SNWA Pipeline currently under review, proposed to run roughly over 200 miles from our Northeastern Nevada Region, south to the Clark County Region.

Water is one of the absolute necessities of life itself; like air and food. It is not in a category where it could be declared expendable. This is not comparable to exporting gold, copper, bauxite or molybdenum. This water is needed now, and will be needed in some future day, right here in local areas in these Northeastern Nevada Counties where it resides, and is depended upon.

The Southern Nevada residents can pay up and take more water out of their local Colorado River on a first-come first-serve basis; or recycle more, or build less golf courses. There are many other alternatives. The residents of the City of Ely, for example, are already suffering on a limited yard-watering schedule. Obviously there is already a water shortage in Northern Nevada.

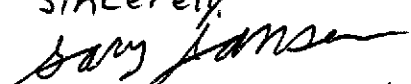
We cannot afford to export this limited necessity of life when people here are already suffering for lack of water. Current life, and future growth are absolutely dependent upon our existing water remaining here in the local vicinity, to sustain life.

Furthermore, with this "export-a-necessity" mentality, what is to stop us from exporting precious necessities of life out of our country, south, to some foreign country, for example, while our people suffer shortages of that same necessity here in Northeastern Nevada? That is not right.

Please listen to us. We gladly export non-necessities like copper ore, gold and silver. But we need to keep our precious water here, where it is needed now, and will be in the future, in our local areas.

Just because Northeastern Nevada residents may be outnumbered in population does not mean that their lives are less valuable than those of a larger population group, when it comes to the necessities of life.

Thank you for your conscientious consideration, and please do the right thing. Deny the construction of this 200+ mile water-exporting pipeline.

Sincerely,

 Gary Jansen, Lackawanna, Nevada