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Dear Mr. King,

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 357 supports the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) applications for unused groundwater in Spring, Cave, Drylake, and Delamar Valleys.

While the combined population of these four valleys is less than 100 people there is over 50 million gallons of water a year which falls as rain or snow, which is currently unused. That unused groundwater is vital to Southern Nevada as a buffer against future drought conditions and unforeseen effects from climate change.

From an economic point of view, having a reliable water supply is fundamental to getting Southern Nevada's economy going again. If our future water supply is uncertain in the minds of residents and industry, I assure you that any economic recovery that may take place would abruptly come to a halt.

For over 80 years the IBEW has supported the livelihoods of thousands of electricians in the region. Job creation and job retention are front and center in this time of economic uncertainty. By approving the SNWA applications for unused groundwater, at least some of the uncertainty about the future will be alleviated.

Sincerely,

Al D. Davis  
Business Manager/Financial Secretary  
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