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Jason King
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Subject: A 300-Mile Pipeline is Not the Answer.

Dear Jason King,

As a kid, I spent my high school and some graduate student years living in southern Nevada and have witnessed first hand the unsustainable growth and flagrant abuse of Nevada's landscape and natural resources. Since then, I've lived in Northern Nevada and have studied and worked at the University of Nevada Reno and the Desert Research Institute involved in air, water, and snow pollution research. I have a great appreciation for Nevada's relative clean air and water, as well as it's open spaces. It troubles me to think that the sprawl that has claimed southern Nevada will effect remote and fragile lands hundreds of miles to the north by mining it's ground water, dessicating the springs and vegetation and ultimately the entire ecosystem depending on it. The community of southern Nevada must find a way to live within it's means rather than stealing the resources from other landscapes.

One such landscape contains Great Basin National Park, an extraordinary place--remote, scenic, and treasured by millions of Americans who value our national park system. Plans to pump millions and millions of gallons from the park's vast ecosystem greatly threaten what is special about this place.

I appeal to you, Mr. King, to dismiss questionable, ecologically-unsound plans to pump and move water from one location in Nevada more than 300 miles to Las Vegas. I appeal to you to respect Nevada's sole national park and make certain the park's resources are sustained for generations to come.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,
Mr. Mark Mcdaniel

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