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

Dear Jason King,

I wish the government would quit interfering with Nature's systems by spending billions of dollars to make habitable areas not suitable for mass populations. Examples are New Orleans, Las Vegas, and coastal cities devastated by hurricanes. There are reasons why certain natural areas should not be made overpopulated recreational areas. The fact that Las Vegas is nothing more than a money-generating tourist locale (i.e., source of taxes) is why this plan to pump water 300 miles is being considered. The callous disregard of the people (as in "the average person") is once more present in government decision-making. I say: "Let them drink booze" and flush with treated waste water, showers optional. Or simply post "Cholera Warning" signs and let the people figure out whether Las Vegas is a suitable site for the tourist business... perhaps, as another example of a ghost town.

We can build another Las Vegas. We cannot build another Great Basin National Park.

Great Basin National Park is 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. You are protecting the wrong resources for the wrong reasons. Eventually our natural aquifers will dry up. Concentrate our dollars on purifying gray water and water conservation.

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,
Ms. Patricia Gerard

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