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

Dear Jason King,

Nevada learned several years ago that construction would not support the economy and has, in fact, been the major player in its destruction. Great Basin National park and the surrounding ranches are the jewels of eastern Nevada. Increased tourism, particularly ecotourism, could play a major role in the state's recovery.

This cannot happen if SNWA is allowed to drain the snake and spring valley aquifers to pump water 300 miles to a faltering housing development in Coyote Springs and an economically crippled Las Vegas. Las Vegas doesn't need this water and if it did at some point face a shortage, it could be more easily and cheaply achieved by increased water conservation.

You might say this economic consideration is a decision for the SNWA board, but with a few recent exceptions, the board has not looked out of the interest of Nevada. And further, it would be the rest of Nevada that shoulders the ecological and economic burdens created by the pipeline project. Don't make the rest of the state suffer for SNWA's stubborn and foolish desire to cling to this project.

I appeal to you to dismiss questionable, ecologically-unsound plans to pump and 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,
Mrs. stephanie tavares-buhler

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