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

Dear Jason King,

To Mr. Jason King, State Engineer, greetings.

Mr King, I am encouraged by recent decisions made at the state level to deny SNWA's ridiculous planned ecological nightmare. I must remind you that current management at SNWA is concerned only with the depraved idea that growth in southern Nevada must be constant and rapid.

No species can continue for very long outside of its means. When the local ecology is no longer capable of absorbing the impact of a species, that ecology is altered. We can see this as readily in the geology and natural history of our world, as we can see it in the immediate and present impacts we have made in the present.

I am a resident of southern Nevada, in Las Vegas. I have lived in Nevada for twelve years. I came from New Mexico, a state similar in elevation, plant life, and water scarcities. What I valued in New Mexico is what I value in Nevada - not the opportunity to work and live well within my means, but the opportunity to go out into the great wilderness. In many cases, this means state and national parks.

If you call on me, I will support your continued efforts to tell Pat Mulroy where to stick it. We don't need the water, Mr. King. I don't care how much money has been spent on research and development or exploratory drilling. In point of fact, this area of our state no longer requires growth at all - it has gotten already too big to be sustainable. I watched that happen, Mr. King. I moved here because of the work I was doing at the time, and I watched roads roll out before my eyes and developments spring up like mushrooms overnight.

Now, like mushrooms, they are rotting, decaying, listing to one side or another. Las Vegas doesn't require growth - not the kind of growth that Mrs. Mulroy and her masters seek. We don't need a growth that is heedless to the needs of the cities or ignorant of the strain placed on its citizens and their taxes. The public shall not and must not be forced to subsidize an increase in supply that brings them not a bit of benefit - not in price, not in quality of services, or in their quality of life.

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miles of empty suburbs with no sidewalks. It has nothing to do with hundreds of miles of roads, with stoplights and construction and similar madness. My quality of life demands intelligent, reasoned, designed growth within specific operating parameters. Most importantly, my quality of life demands wilderness - unspoiled, pristine, and without the presence of human machinery. As a Leave No Trace instructor, and as a life-long fisherman, hunter, and outdoorsman, I am well aware of even the slightest impacts we can make in those ecologies, and I'll be damned if I'll tolerate any more water-grabs by corporate servants like Pat Mulroy.

Mr King, you have my support, insofar as you continue to oppose the proposed projects. I ask that you continue to do so, and persevere. Do not forget you have a wealth of allies - that you are not weak, and that you are not the lone voice. Any assistance I can physically provide is yours, should you ask for it.

Sincerely,
Mr. Thomas Jones

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