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Dear Mr. King,

On behalf of the nearly 300-member businesses of the Urban Chamber of Commerce, I am writing in support of the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) applications for unused groundwater in Spring, Cave, Dry Lake and Delamar Valleys.

With more than 70 percent of the State of Nevada's gross domestic product and tax revenues originating from Southern Nevada, it is vital that the region have a secure and adequate water supply. Currently, Clark County relies almost exclusively on water from the Colorado River, an over-appropriated natural resource subject to the detrimental impacts of drought and climate change. Southern Nevada needs additional sources of water to reduce its reliance on our Colorado River allotment.

Water is a fundamental necessity. Without it, economic activity is jeopardized. The unused water in northeast Nevada will provide valuable reassurance to our Urban Chamber businesses and residents alike that Clark County will have an adequate water supply to meet current and future demands. This will ensure, in turn, that there will be a sufficient water supply to provide future business growth and job creation.

For this reason, the Urban Chamber is supportive of SNWA's monitoring, management and mitigation plans. We also support the ongoing permitting effort. I once again request your favorable consideration of SNWA's applications in eastern Nevada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kenneth C. Evans".

Kenneth C. Evans
President

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