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Dear Mr. King,

On behalf of the 1,300 member businesses of the Henderson Chamber of Commerce (Chamber), I am writing to express continued support of the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) applications for unused groundwater in Spring, Cave, Dry Lake and Delamar Valleys.

Over the years, the Chamber has worked hard to support proper land-use policies to support a vibrant economy and ability to create an inclusive and welcoming environment for current and new businesses that employ our residents.

Every business owner, resident, employee, and visitor to Southern Nevada depends upon a reliable water supply. However, knowing water limitations to come via the Colorado River, we believe we should strive to preserve our community's current limited water supply while also finding long-term strategies to diversify and expand it. To that end, the SNWA's applications for unused groundwater works to meet this very effort.

The Chamber respectfully requests a favorable ruling on those applications, including your support of the SNWA's 3M Plans (for monitoring, management and mitigation) as an tool to protect the environment as we believe that adaptive management is a component of any modern, responsible groundwater development.

Sincerely,

Scott Muelrath
President/CEO
Henderson Chamber of Commerce

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