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Please deny the demand from the Southern Nevada Water Authority for groundwater rights in White Pine and Lincoln counties.

1 message

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Dear King,

We believe the scientific information is overwhelming: Draining 50 billion gallons of groundwater from the Great Basin would devastate Native American communities, rural economies and wildlife habitat over a huge area.

Further, the families and small businesses of Las Vegas, recovering from a brutal recession, cannot afford the huge price tag for this project.

It's important for me that the Great Basin water stays in the Great Basin because of the personal experience that I have of the area. There is no other state in the Union quite like Nevada. Its unique combination of rural and urban areas, coupled with the vast expanses of the Mojave and Great Basin deserts make it the special place I'm proud to call home. I could never condone the destruction of any portion of this great state - the rural areas - simply to meet the supposed needs of another portion - the Las Vegas environs. We humans have a nasty history of shortsightedness, using immediate needs - in this case of dubious authenticity - to justify forsaking the potential long term effects. Shoving concerns about the potential effects of draining groundwater from the Great Basin "under the carpet" is yet another example of shortsighted behavior and incredible hubris. Perhaps unlike the unpredictable environmental and socioeconomic fallout from bad decisions in previous times, we are now smart enough to know for certain what the outcome will be if we proceed with this devastating plan - the ruination of much of our state.

I urge you to deny the applications filed by the Southern Nevada Water

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Authority and support the best interests of all of Nevada.

Sincerely,

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