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

Dear Jason King,

Great Basin National Park is an extraordinary place--remote, scenic, and treasured by millions of Americans who value our national park system. Plans to pump millions and millions of gallons from the park's vast ecosystem greatly threaten what is special about this place.

I appeal to you, Mr. King, to dismiss questionable, ecologically-unsound plans to pump and move water from one location in Nevada more than 300 miles to Las Vegas. I appeal to you to respect Nevada's sole national park and make certain the park's resources are sustained for generations to come.

Further, I live in Southern Nevada. Our community has been ravaged by serious recession. The SNWA and allies say that this project, which according to the Ability to Finance report will cost some \$15 billion, will somehow rescue the Las Vegas metropolitan economy. I haven't seen any serious discussion of that assertion, which I find dubious at best.

I believe that a two-fold strategy of protecting the Colorado River for all users and conserving water in the urban area would be a more environmentally and fiscally prudent course to take.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Launce Rake

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