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Subject Southern Nevada Water Authority's proposal to tap  
groundwater across eastern Nevada

To whom it may concern:

I've lived in Las Vegas, Nevada since 1973. I have worked and raised my family in Las Vegas. I have watched the Developers, Casinos, Business Community and Politicians destroy this city and the surrounding area under the mantra of progress and improving the economy. The uncontrolled growth is responsible for much of the increase in crime, pollution and cost of living in Southern Nevada.

My family and I are vehemently opposed to the plan to pipe water from eastern Nevada to provide water for more expansion. The expansion is not for the improvement of Southern Nevada but to increase the wealth of already wealthy businessmen and politicians.

It amazes me that these so called "leaders" have not learned from the lessons of California. All they need to do is spend some time in the Owens Valley and see what the results of pumping ground water are. I do not believe Ms. Mulroy's assurances that the LVVWD would not take water if there was a detrimental impact to eastern Nevada. She cannot speak for future politicians or whomever assumes her job when she retires. Once the pipeline is built, our "Leaders" will suck eastern Nevada dry in order to enrich themselves at the cost to the citizens of Nevada.

I beg you not to allow the destruction of a beautiful part of our state for short term monetary gains by a select few. Southern Nevada needs to be forced to live within it's means.

You may contact me at martel3@cox.net or 702.658.8477 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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