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Subject I AM VERY OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSED PIPELINE
PLAN

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Dear Ms. Wood,

I am very concerned about the proposed pipeline plan that would enable the Las Vegas water system to pump groundwater from northern Nevada and draw down the water table that extends into western Utah's Snake Valley. I am very opposed to this plan for the following reasons.

1. There is no need for further development in Las Vegas. This region of the country suffered greatly from the financial and housing crises and has one of the highest rates of foreclosure in the country. There already are many empty houses available for those who would like to live in the Las Vegas area.
2. The model of the developers in Las Vegas typically includes building more golf courses to act as anchors for nearby housing developments and businesses. Golf courses in the desert make no sense. They are a tremendous and shameful waste of precious water.
3. This is an ancient aquifer which provides water and sustenance for ranchers and wildlife in eastern Nevada and western Utah. This aquifer will not adequately recharge after it is drawn down. In other words, this resource is not sustainable. It will be a one-time use and the people and creatures that currently rely on this aquifer will forever be forsaken.
4. Perhaps most important, drawing down the aquifer will cause further drying out of the west desert which will further exacerbate airborne dust. Air quality in Utah is already very poor and regularly violates national standards. Further degradation of air quality would be ill advised and potentially disastrous, especially given that much of this dust contains heavy metals and radioactivity (a legacy of the bomb testing era in the 1950's).

The only ones to profit from this pipeline plan will be the developers, not the public nor wildlife and the environment. This is not the way to stimulate a healthy economy in Las Vegas.

PLEASE DO NOT SELL OUT THE PUBLIC. DO NOT LET THIS PIPELINE PROJECT PROCEED.

Sincerely,
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