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**TOMMY WHITE**  
*Business Manager  
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Dear Ms. Woods:

Our Organization supports the Bureau of Land Management's proposed action as the preferred alternative for this project. We believe the SNWA should be granted rights-of-preferred alternative for the project. We believe the SNWA should be granted rights-of-way to utilize water resources from all sec basins in its proposed plan of development.

The Socio-Economic portion of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement includes an in-depth analysis of the potential impacts the SNWA Groundwater Development Project may have on Lincoln and White Pine counties. **The DEIS does not include, however, a detailed evaluation of the potential impacts to Clark County should the project not be constructed.**

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As the economic engine of this state, Southern Nevada's economy must recover in order for the state's economy to begin thriving once again. This is not possible without sufficient water resources to manage drought conditions and future development.

We also have confidence in the SNWA's ability to implement environmental protection and adaptive management measures to minimize environmental effects. Through rigorous monitoring practices and standard-operating procedures, in addition to measures it has stipulated with governmental agencies at all levels, the SNWA has identified numerous steps it will take during the projects construction and operational phases to help protect the wildlife and fauna of eastern Nevada.

In addition to addressing environmental concerns, the project will provide a much-needed boost the region's economic prospects by preserving jobs and vital tax revenues generated in Southern Nevada. For these and many other crucial reasons, we believe the BLM must grant rights-of-way for this project.

Sincerely,

Executive Board  
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