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Dear Ms. Lueders,

I wish that you would actually listen to THE PEOPLE here in the rural areas, but WE do not have enough political clout, financial clout or voting clout, so I doubt we will ever have a voice or an ear with anyone in government, either appointed or elected.

I lived in Las Vegas for 30 years. Now I live in Lincoln County and have since the summer of 2005. I fear for my future, the future of the residents who live and work here especially those whose lives depend on the water here. I can't afford to move to another state where BLM would actually care about the financially strapped rural areas and protect them from the financially strong, political influentially strong and tax rich urban areas like Las Vegas! How can we compete for viable consideration on this water grab by SNWA when we are talking about Las Vegas and Clark County, with an estimated population of 1,951,269, as compared to the whole of Lincoln County, estimated population of 5345, and all the small towns and communities of Alamo, Population 1170, Ash Springs, Population 224, Hiko, Population 130, Rachel, Population 155, Caliente, Population 1130, Panaca, Population 963 and Pioche, population 1002 and expect you to ACTUALLY LOOK OUT FOR THEM and their way of life?

In the 30 years that I lived in Las Vegas, I witnessed firsthand how Las Vegas grew too fast and expanded way above its means for water to support the gluttonous growth. The last 6 or more years that I lived in Las Vegas, there was always talk of putting a moratorium on pools, but to this day, there has not been one....yet now that I have moved to Lincoln County, SNWA's Pat Mulroy says there is NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE BUT TO BUILD THIS PIPELINE TO TAKE OUR WATER because Las Vegas can't curtail its water intake and usage. It's time they learned to live within their means. It's time to MAKE LAS VEGAS CONSERVE THEIR ALLOTTED WATER! Pat Mulroy feels residents in Lincoln County are wasting water when they irrigate their fields. Well, we feel Las Vegas wastes water in swimming pools, on golf courses and manmade lakes. Las Vegas' gluttonous building and expansion was fueled by greed and politicians who were getting a kickback in some way from that very growth. Unions run Las Vegas. Unions built Las Vegas and it is a well known fact that unions support democrat politicians by an overwhelming percentage for solely political reasons to benefit them favorably at the bargaining table. Harry Reid is a perfect example of a UNION controlled politician. If it had not been for the unions, Harry Reid would be retired right now, and in my humble opinion, Nevada and this country would be a lot better off if he had been retired in 2010. His Son, Rory Reid was the vice chair person for the SNWA AND was a county commissioner. Right now, there are 3 of the 7 SNWA board members who are also Clark County

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Commissioners. Now tell me this is not a conflict of interest with this water grab that has been going on for YEARS! HOW THE HECK can any one of you think that we, in the rural areas, are going to get a fair and balanced decision based on REAL unbiased scientific studies on this water grab perpetrated by the SNWA?

Anyone with two or more brain cells believes that pumping water 24/7 from an 84" diameter pipe will draw down our water supply and the devastating results will not be visible until it is far too late to do anything about it, much less reverse it. And this notion that once they start pumping, that SOMEONE will stop the pumps if it draws down on our wells or endangers our way of life, the wildlife or the environment in our area, is pure and transparent BS and you and everyone of those involved with this water grab knows it! I resent the idea that all of you think we are idiots. Once the pumping starts, none of you are going to care one iota about our way of life here in Lincoln County. We are not important to the state of Nevada like all of you seem to think and feel that Las Vegas is. Shutting those pumps off would be like stopping a welfare recipients checks off and expecting them to find other alternatives for income without an argument. IT WILL NOT HAPPEN AND YOU ALL KNOW IT! Why would the Nevada State Engineer and the BLM feel it is MORE important to ruin the rural areas of Nevada to give OUR water to a very WASTEFUL AND GLUTTONOUS Las Vegas, if not for the political pressure of those who benefit from the power & influence of Las Vegas? The unions will be the ones building this pipeline so the unions have a vested interest in seeing it get built. The politicians who are supported financially by the unions have a highly vested interest in seeing this pipeline built. SNWA has spent MILLIONS buying up every farm or ranch up through Lincoln County right up to White Pine County for the water rights alone and the truth be known, at the height of the housing market, these properties were worth NO WHERE NEAR WHAT SNWA PAID FOR THEM, and SNWA has to justify ~~wasting~~ spending all that money so they HAVE TO GET THIS PIPELINE BUILT. The unions have Power, Money and Political Influence and ANYONE who is in a position to make this pipeline project happen, will be influenced by the unions, people of power and or the politicians who are influenced by the unions.

What I find most interesting is...that all the destruction the building of this pipeline will cause to our rural areas by the barrage of trucks, equipment and manpower coming onto our pristine rural areas, on land not before traveled on...is okay with the environmentalists as long as Reid and the other politicians keep closing off more and more of our lands to us and the hunters and 'deeming' them Wilderness areas to appease them.

I BEG YOU, STOP THIS WATER GRAB NOW! PRESERVE RURAL NEVADA and SHOW SOME TOUGH LOVE! MAKE THE TOUGH DECISION! TELL Las Vegas they have to learn to live within their water allotment and let the rest of the state go on living like it has for decades. PLEASE, DO NOT SAFRIFICE OUR FUTURE FOR A CITY THAT SHOWS NO RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER AND FEELS THEY CAN BULLY THEIR WAY INTO TAKING OUR WATER AND COULD CARE LESS ABOUT US, OUR PROPERTY, OUR FAMILIES FUTURE OR THIS AREA AS A WHOLE! The land, wildlife, horses, trees, plants and brush depends on YOU helping to stop this water grab!

In my opinion, it just seems the people who are in positions to makes these devastating decisions and the politicians who are also involved, do not think about what will happen to all the rural areas once Las Vegas has sucked all the water out of our aquifers and also in parts of Utah too. Will all of you be happy when there are no more wildlife, no more trees, no more plant species and brush or springs that make up our state? Will all of you be happy when there are only a few cities left, Las Vegas, Reno, Carson City

and Lake Tahoe with nothing but dirt and dust in between them? Is that **YOUR** vision of Nevada? Will you then move to another state after all of you have decimated this one? You will already have utilized your position and the power that it entails, made your money and moved on but what about the ones of us that loves Nevada the way it is right now and do not want to move on or can't financially move to another state? If you continue with what we believe is a devastating decision, **WE** are the ones that will be left with a completely decimated area that is nothing more than a dust bowl. And the \$64,000.00 question is...when our aquifers are sucked dry by Las Vegas, where will they build the next pipeline and whose water will be at stake next? Will they go for Lake Tahoe? Will you then regret not stopping this pipeline? What will it take for you and all involved to regret your decision to devastate most of Nevada for the greed and irresponsibility of one city?

I resent that more and more of our rural lands are being deemed WILDERNESS areas which basically restricts 'we the people' from going on them unless we walk. Well, as a Nevada tax payer of 36 years and getting on up in age, I resent that I get to PAY to keep all these lands off limits to motor vehicles , with my tax dollars, but I can't go see them unless I am able to walk to every inch of them. More and more of the established roads are being closed off to us and especially to the elderly, even though we are respectful and stay on those established roads on our 4 wheelers or vehicles, the POLITICIANS are shutting them off from us. Now the new word is that there are roads that have been closed off, but are not PHYSICALLY shut off with gates etc., AND they are NOT MARKED IN ANY WAY, and if you are caught on one of these roads, it is a \$5,000.00 fine...even if they are not PHYSICALLY CLOSED OFF and are NOT MARKED. **It does not matter.** AND to make this situation even more absurd, we cannot seem to find a map that specifies WHICH ROADS ARE CLOSED OFF! How the heck can a government work this way? How the heck can the government legally and morally fine a person for being somewhere they do not know is off limits because it is not CLEARLY MARKED OR BLOCKED OFF OR ON A MAP that shows it as such? I resent paying politicians and people like you who tell me I can't go on land that belongs to THE PUBLIC! I AM THE PUBLIC and PUBLIC LANDS BELONG TO ME AND THE REST OF THE TAX PAYERS! When will WE have representatives that actually represent US and are as outraged as we are about all these limitations set for us by politicians WHO WORK FOR US or people that do not care about the long term consequences of their decisions motivated by money, cronyism, political pressure or politics? When will positions like yours represent ALL the people instead of a chosen few? WHEN?

I often wonder if there is a single person alive in government who is actually willing to do their job, whether appointed to it or elected to it, that would not '*Sell Their Soul*' for political gain and would do what is ethically and morally right? I'm asking you to do what is ethically and morally right concerning this pipeline....

A Proud but Wary RURAL Nevada Resident,



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