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Dear Governor Martinez,

As we struggled through yet another summer of drought and wildfires here in New Mexico, water is on the forefront of everyone's mind. New Mexico will continue to face water shortage situations in the future, and we all agree that we need to identify cost effective and long-lasting solutions in order to protect New Mexico's economy and way of life. As business leaders from across New Mexico, we are writing to express our support for cost effective, common sense alternatives to water diversion projects.

As your Interstate Stream Commission reviews proposals to utilize funding from the Arizona Water Settlements Act (AWSA) to address water security in the southwestern part of the state, we urge you to keep the following in mind.

After two years of thorough analysis in partnership with the State of New Mexico's Interstate Stream Commission, the Bureau of Reclamation's Colorado River Basin Water Supply & Demand Study concluded that conservation and water re-use are the cheapest and easiest solutions to implement as a means to balancing supply and demand on the river and its tributaries.

New Mexicans agree. Protect the Flows, a business group representing over 1,000 businesses across the southwest, including more than 200 New Mexico owned businesses, commissioned a poll with Public Opinion Strategies in June of 2013. The poll found that:

- **85%** of New Mexicans believe we should use our current water supply more wisely, by continuing to conserve water, using new technology to help reduce wasted water, and increasing recycling of water. Voters prefer this option to diverting more water from New Mexico's rivers to communities where more people live.
- **69%** of New Mexicans of all political stripes agree that the proposed Gila River diversion project is a temporary fix that will not permanently help to solve the water supply problems across our great state.

The proposed project is estimated to cost over \$300 million dollars – leaving New Mexico taxpayers and water users to cover approximately \$200 million dollars above and beyond the AWSA money. Plus, we will have to pay millions more each year to use that water and maintain the pipeline, and in severe droughts will not be able to use the water if the river drops below certain levels.

Examples of preferred cost effective measures could include:

- Providing state incentives for farmers and ranchers to invest in water-saving irrigation systems and practices and thereby use water more efficiently;
- Replacing outdated water infrastructure to reduce leaking and waste of water, such as replacing aging pipes in city water systems;
- Encouraging greater water conservation by people in their homes, such as rebates for water efficiency appliances, use of drought tolerant plants in landscaping, etc.

New Mexico should not resort to a pipeline to divert water from the Gila River. As taxpayers and business owners, we believe the \$300 million price tag to divert water from the Gila River is too much to pay for a temporary fix. We respectfully request your support of cost effective, non-diversion alternatives to meet the long-term water needs of the state.

CC: New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, US Senator Tom Udall, US Senator Martin Heinrich, US Representative Steve Pearce, Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Michael Connor

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