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The Honorable Senator Catherine Cortez Masto
516 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cortez Masto:

The Salt Lake County Council wishes to inform you that we oppose the current draft of your legislation titled the Southern Nevada Economic Development and Conservation Act (SNEDCA).

This draft legislation would limit or remove existing environmental rules and laws that govern the development of the Southern Nevada Water Authority's Groundwater Development Project (also known as known as the Las Vegas pipeline).

As you may know, the Salt Lake County Council and other elected officials in the state of Utah have consistently been opposed to any effort that would remove ground water from beneath the area of Great Basin National Park.

The removal of ground water from this area would lead to the die-off of vegetation in the area and would increase the frequency and severity of dust storms that would negatively impact the air quality in Salt Lake County and health of its residents.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

Richard Snelgrove
Chair, Salt Lake County Council