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Dear Mr. Olds

I'm sending this letter regarding the water right situation in Enterprise, and Beryl Utah. How basically half the farmers in this area will be eliminated, because of reducing the water rights by fifty percent, it could cause a major effect on our economy. From watching a couple films I have learned that we have more water than back in 2004, and in the 1950's. Companies have put long-term investments and loans to farmers because of what the water is worth, and by the decision that you make everything could be lost. One of them would be Zion Bank; they have over thirty million dollars into loans for the local farmers. They would be one of the few that will go down.

When looking on the website www.enterprisautah.org, I found that USGS test well in the city limits which show an improvement in our static water table after more than 40 years of beneficial use. I don't understand how the valley needs a recharge when we have more water than back in the past. "Water users here feel that the state invited investments by issuing the water rights," said Karl Schumtz, water commissioner for Beryl/Escalante Valley. "If water rights are cancelled, that's someone's livelihood. A person that has worked so hard accomplishing so much, it's going to be gone. It would be absolutely devastating.

One of the few farms that could survive this is the Reber Farms. "Depending on the date they will take back the water rights to." Said Ranon Reber. What is a successful farm, could not be. Another farm is the Jones farm. From looking at the water scale, and how much they would be taken back, they couldn't live on it. This "Safe Yield" will cause a great impact on people and their lives. My family and I would have to move because of this. My dad, Lang Reber has a business called, AMT welding, and half of his business comes from the farmers. I don't know if this will change your mind but please take in consideration by what you are doing could cause devastating things. Thank you.

I would like to request that this be on public record or in some way to be published for public to read.

Sincerely yours,



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