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Dear Governor Jon Huntsman:

Water rights are given when applied for but can be taken away if they are not used beneficially. There are many people in our valley with water rights. All of the farmers put their water to beneficial use.

There is concern with your economic impact study. The scale of analysis is limited to a county level. Enterprise is in Washington County, and Escalante Valley is in Iron County. They are divided by a county line but are inseparable with their economic environment. You need to take a closer look at our boundaries and analyze the data better.

You plan to take away water rights to help us in the future. With the study of past weather patterns and water levels, you plan to predict what will happen in the future and how much water will be needed. Even with the past weather patterns, you can't predict the future weather. Weather is always changing and there is no way to predict if we will get enough rain and snow, or hardly any at all. We live on the edge of a desert where water is very valuable.

My family has water rights. We have proved to use them beneficially. If they plan to take water rights, we won't have water to produce our crops or even water our lawn. Many farmers also won't have the water needed to produce. Even houses will be left without water. No one can live without water and, many will have no other choice but to leave. This will affect our whole community.

Enterprise city has great concern with the economic impact study of the groundwater management plan. It is something that will affect our whole valley and should be more closely studied.

Sincerely,



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