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Mr. Tom Bahr Director Mew Mexico Water Resources Research Institute Box 30001, Dept. 3167 Las Cruces, New Mexico 88003

Dear Tom:

I'm sorry I can't be there with you in Roswell as you discuss the most pressing long term issue confronting New Mexico, how to protect and preserve the quality and quantity of New Mexico's water. The continuance of our present agricultural and industrial economies and the future expansion of our economy into new arenas is based on New Mexico being able to provide a safe and adequate water supply. As usual, your conference is correctly focusing on these important and basic issues, results of which I look forward to receiving.

In addition, I wish to congratulate you and your staff on not only the great job you do in researching the many technical aspects of our water issues but more importantly on how the Water Resources Research Institute continues to assist in bringing before all New Mexican's the importance of protecting our precious water.

Have a productive and energetic conference there in Roswell and continue to let me know how I may be of service on this most important of issues.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bingaman

United States Senator

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