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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

February 25, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

I urge you to immediately lift the short-sighted funding freeze on the Lower Colorado System Conservation and Efficiency Program funded under the Inflation Reduction Act, and fulfill the system conservation agreements the federal government has signed with nearly two dozen entities to conserve water and protect critical levels in Lake Mead.

More than 40 million people in seven states and 30 Tribes across the West rely on the Colorado River for water, food, energy and more. Yet the historic quarter-century long drought, alongside overuse, has stretched the system to its absolute breaking point.

With the promise of federal funding under this critical program, entities across the Lower Basin from cities to Tribal nations to irrigation and water districts have committed to conserving nearly 500,000-acre feet of water in Lake Mead this year. Withholding this funding not only jeopardizes this necessary and critical water conservation that is needed now to protect the system, but it will also make it more difficult for the seven basin states to reach a consensus agreement on the system's long-term operations.

These funds are critical to protecting the Colorado River system, and I urge you to immediately release them without further delay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg Stanton".

Greg Stanton
Member of Congress