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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

September 27, 2024

The Honorable Camille Calimlim Touton
Commissioner
Bureau of Reclamation
1859 C Street NW, #7654
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Commissioner Touton,

I appreciated the opportunity to share my strong support with you for the City of Phoenix's North Phoenix Water Resiliency Strategy, which has been submitted for funding under the Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program.

Advanced water purification is the single most important technology for reducing the reliance of municipal populations on the Colorado River. The City of Phoenix has embraced this technology as part of its North Phoenix Water Resiliency Strategy to turn wastewater to drinking water. The funding requested by the city would be used to modify the existing Cave Creek wastewater plant to support both direct and indirect water use and to construct a new advanced water purification plant at North Gateway. Each facility would have capacity to treat 8 million gallons of wastewater per day and produce a combined total of 7,500 acre feet a year of potable water through direct potable reuse, providing a sustainable water resource for Phoenix residents, businesses, and industry.

The city is investing significantly in these projects, committing more than \$320 million in local resources. But to make these projects a reality, federal assistance is needed. When completed, these projects will provide a resilient water source for North Phoenix while allowing the city to reduce its use of water from the Colorado River. These are exactly the type of long-term conservation efforts the Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program should be funding.

I look forward to our continued cooperation on these projects and other long-term conservation measures to protect the Colorado River and Lake Mead.

Sincerely,

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

Greg Stanton
Member of Congress