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Mr. Rick Baxter  
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Dear Mr. Baxter:

From its inception in 1947, Parke Cox Trucking Company has been a family run business located in St. George. When our parents Parke and Emily Cox founded the company, St. George had a population of about 4,500. Seventy years later the St. George metropolitan area had over 170,000 people. That's tremendous growth by any measure and for any small community.

This level of growth has required significant public capital investment in the physical infrastructure including the complex system of water facilities and networks. Population projections and water demand studies indicate that the scale of investment needs to increase substantially to meet the needs and avoid water shortages as early as 2028. The Lake Powell Pipeline (LPP) introduces one of the state's most reliable water sources – the Colorado River – into the region, helping to ensure uninterrupted water delivery to homes and businesses now and in the future.

The LPP will require a large initial capital investment followed by a long pay-back period. But, investing in the LPP will ripple throughout the economy generating opportunities for existing residents and future generations. In Washington County, the LPP will support an additional 120,000 jobs, 10,000 businesses and \$9 billion in gross metropolitan product. The aggregate economic activity supported by the LPP exceeds the current gross domestic product of all industries in Washington County.

Because we are reliant on water, a disruption of water and wastewater service, even for one day, can cost businesses significant amounts of revenue and almost instantly shrink the economy of Washington County. The LPP represents the key driver of sustainable growth and development for the 10 communities in Washington County. Therefore, we are asking the Bureau of Reclamation to uphold its commitment to the state's water infrastructure by completing the LPP Environmental Impact Statement and issuing its Record of Decision for the Preferred Alternative.

Sincerely,

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