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To: Chairman and members of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee

We are writing this letter on behalf of our board and members of the Nevada Live Stock Association. We understand the weightiness of this Resolution SJR 2, but we see no alternative but to ask for amendments in the form of:

- 1) Changing the use of the term public lands which is used extensively throughout the Resolution to federal lands. (see definition of public lands in Hage v US 2002)
- 2) Amending out the receipt of federal money. Ranchers should not tie themselves and their water rights to the Southern Nevada Land Act or any other Acts of Congress by taking federal money which always has strings attached. This resolution causes further confusion, in this critical period where the future of Nevada's ownership of her water through beneficial use is in jeopardized.

Let's not mix apples and oranges, i.e. water and land issues. The expediency of few more water developments at the expense of losing the control and management of our own resources and destiny is too high a price to pay.

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