



## Board of County Commissioners

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Honorable Representative Scott Tipton  
609 Main Street, Suite 105 Box 11  
Alamosa, CO 81101

Dear Honorable Representative Tipton:

We, the Conejos County Board of Commissioners, are in support of Representative Scott Tipton to re-introducing the Water Rights Protection Act. The proposed bill would prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water rights to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, as well as other purposes. The bill supports the state water laws that have been established long term and clarified that the government does not have such jurisdiction.

Water Rights are very important to the people of the entire San Luis Valley. It is imperative that all efforts are made to preserve our water which is an essential resource to the San Luis Valley.

We strongly urge the Natural Resource Committee to support this important and essential bill.

Sincerely,  
Conejos County Board of Commissioners

Mitchell Jarvies  
Chairman