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RE: SB 21

Dear Speaker,

My name is John F. Bosta. I am a lifelong voting Democrat since 1958 and I am the President of the Private Well Owner Cooperative of Nye County.

April 12, 2017 I sent an e-mail to you asking for your help as Speaker of the Majority Party to please see that SB21 to abolish the Nye County Water District, sponsored by the Nye County Board of Commissions (BoCC), is approved in the same fashion as the Senate Floor Vote to approve this bill by a vote of 21-0.

The bill was assigned to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining committee and the bill has not moved forward.

The Cooperative respectfully requests that you contact Chairwoman, Heidi Swank and ask her to move SB 21 forward in her committee and vote affirmative on SB21 to abolish the Nye County Water District Act.

On May 4th I have sent a request to Chairwoman Heidi Swank to move the bill forward, but I have not received any response to my request.

The majority of the County Commission (BoCC) voted to abolish the water board, Aug. 16, 2016, regarding the one Bill Draft Requests (BDR) by Nye County for the 2017 Legislative Session. Commissioner Cox made a motion to prioritize the water district for the BDR to do away with them; seconded by Commissioner Borasky; the vote was 3-2. Commissioners Schinhofen and Wichman voted no. Again, on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, the BoCC voted three in favor, to two against, to uphold the legislative action represented by SB21. Commissioners Schinhofen and Wichman voted no.

Commissioners Schinhofen and Wichman have rallied the unincorporated Communities with water utilities to oppose SB 21. These five communities and the 11,800 domestic well owners in Nye County have not received any service from Nye County Water District which is collecting a \$5.00 service fee as the Water District Tax on every parcel in Nye County.

The Water District has used the collected water service fees to recycle Nye County employees, to test of water wells near the Nevada Test Site along Hwy 95 from Amargosa Valley to Beatty, to pay for the Pahrump's Groundwater Management Plan, and to pay for the BoCC's membership fee in the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority.

I don't understand how these two dissenting Republican Commission can hold up a bill in committee until it dies.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Bosta