[Insert Date]

[Insert Your Name]

[Insert Your Address]

The Honorable [Insert Full Name of Senator]

[Insert Room #] [Insert Building Name] Senate Office Building

United States Senate

Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator [Insert Last Name]:

OR

The Honorable [Insert Full Name of Representative]

[Insert Room #] [Insert Building Name] House Office Building

United States House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative [Insert Last Name]:

My name is [Insert Your Name], and I reside in your district. I’m writing to urge you to support a historic water rights bill, [Insert S. 4633 for Senate letter/Insert H.R. 8940 for House letter].

As you may know, the historic Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024 settles the water rights claims in the Colorado River for three tribes in Arizona: the Navajo Nation, the Hopi Tribe, and the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe.   The settlement not only replaces conflict over scarce water resources with cooperation, but it will also provide 5 billion dollars in funding to the Tribes so that they will be able to deliver safe and reliable drinking water to tens of thousands of people. This settlement is vital to the Navajo people because:

* Roughly a third of the Navajo Nation households lack running water.
* The average cost for Navajos to haul water to their homes, ranches, and sheep camps is $133 per thousand gallons. That is roughly 70 times the cost paid by other water users in Arizona. Without the settlement, thousands of Navajos will continue to haul water an average of more than 30 miles round trip on unpaved, wash-board, and often muddy dirt roads to meet their daily water demands.
* The settlement provides certainty on the Colorado River to the benefit of all the 39 settling parties.

I personally know many people in my community who will benefit from the water settlement to maintain a permanent homeland for the three settling Tribes. And Arizona will benefit from the certainty over water allocations and the economic development made possible by settlement-funded water infrastructure.

[We recommend you add personal comments like, I haul water or our community ground water is contaminated, etc. in order to emphasize with the Senator/Representative how much you care about this settlement.]

In Navajo, *Tó éí iiná até*,withwater,there islife. I hope you will do everything you can to support [S. 4633 or H.R. 8940] and get it through Congress this session. This is critical to ensuring continued and increased vitality for the Navajo Nation, the Navajo people, and all of the Tribes and people in the Colorado River Basin who will benefit from this historic settlement. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact me if you would like to discuss this further with me.

Respectfully,

[Insert Your Name] [Insert Your Title if applicable] [Insert Your Email] [Insert Your Phone Number]

[Insert Your Address]

Additional Resource To Assist With Filling Out Letter:

* House of Representatives: [Find Your Representative | House.gov](http://house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative)
* Senate: [Contacting U.S. Senators | Senate.gov](https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm)

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