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**San Francisco Soil and Water Conservation District**

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Senator Martin Heinrich  
c/o Dara Parker  
Senator Tom Udall

Dear Senators

Enclosed, you will find a resolution passed by the San Francisco Soil and Water Conservation District opposing The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act implementation in reference to the Gila and San Francisco Rivers and their tributaries within our district. By actions observed thus far we find it disturbing that outside entities have more influence on the Senators positions in our district than those living within our boundaries. Prior to admitting NM into the union, the federal government supported use of our number one natural resource water. This support has continued historically to this day where the USDA energetically supports ongoing irrigation projects within our district through EQUIP, grants and funding. That is but one meaningful fact left unknown to our senators who need only ask to gain additional knowledge.

Legislation that is being drafted calling for designation of a large part of our waterways to be wild and scenic, without visiting the district, discussing the topic or learning of unintended consequences should be unthinkable. It is expected from our professional Senators to spend equal time within those districts to be affected by their actions as with those single-minded outside influences.

Please take this resolution seriously from NM citizens most affected. We welcome honest dialogue with our board and ask for real improvements within our district, while maintaining our special frontier designation and rural lifestyle.

Sincerely,

Howard Hutchinson, Chairman

Enclosure: RESOULTION N0. # 002-2019 IN OPPOSITION TO THE DESIGNATION OF THE GILA AND SAN FRANCISCO RIVERS AS NATIONAL WILD & SCENIC RIVERS