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My name is Bobbie Massey and I farm with my family as a part of Massey Farms, with land in the Cienega area of the San Simon Valley.

I support the proposed INA for the San Simon Valley water sub-basin. I do not believe there is a vast amount of water, enough to last the 2000 years that was being said at the Bowie meeting. In the early years of inefficient irrigation the water table was in sharp decline. Then with the economic downturn of the 1980s and many farmers stopped irrigating the land, the water stabilized. Now agricultural has bounced back and we see a large expansion once again using more efficient irrigation methods. This has slowed the rate of water decline but it is still in a decline that will accelerate as the crops continue to develop and become more mature trees. The acres being irrigated has also increased at a fast pace the last few years. Now that people across the country have learned there is no regulation in the San Simon Valley and one can use all the water they want the acres will continue to increase. Many thousands of acres are being proposed right now and I believe it will come to be if no regulation is put into place right now.

In the last four years we have had to lower the depth of four of our pumps and deepen one well. This is how I know the water is in decline and not unlimited. I feel with an INA in place, this will give Arizona time to put in place better regulations to insure water for the future generations. I feel there has to be limits on amounts of water one can use, providing an incentive for a user to be more efficient. This type of regulation will need to come in the future.

It was said the ADWR couldn't regulate the water until there is a sharp decline in the water. I believe the reason the Arizona Department of Water Resource was created is to look into the future and protect the water for future generations. We cannot wait until it is too late before protecting this precious water. Arizona is a desert state yet it has no regulations in place to prevent over use of the water in our area. This needs to be fixed! I know of no other state without any regulations.

My husband and I look forward to working with the ADWR in the future as we move forward on this important issue. There is much to be done for the protection of the water in Arizona beginning with the proposed INA.

Thank you,

Bobbie Massey