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AZ Dept. of Water Resources

To Whom it May Concern:

On May 16, I went to a meeting in Bowie and listened to the debates of the INA (Irrigation Non-Expansion). In December of 2014 my family and I bought the west half of Split Rock Ranch in Cochise County which included 500 acres of state ag lease. This land has not been watered in many years but it's obvious it was farm land. There are irrigation wells and reports that this was very productive land. We also bought approx. 4300 acres of private land which goes up to the mouth of Turkey Creek and had plans to plant bermuda grass there. We do not have the resources right now to farm, but our plan is to eventually farm some kind of pasture, to supplement the ranch when it gets dry. This INA would make it impossible to do that if we understand correctly. It would also greatly decrease the value of our property. From what we've heard, it's 4 individuals trying to take the rights of the rest of the private property owners in the whole San Simon Basin. We believe this is unconstitutional and more of a communist type situation rather than American. It is (The Have's, Telling the Have not's they Can not do what they have done). It would be no different from me getting a petition for a cattle ranching non-expansion and if I go get 3 or 4 larger ranchers in the area to sign a petition. We could restrict every other rancher, even their kids, grandkids or someone they sold the ranch to that if they have not raised cattle in the last 5 years that they can't run cattle on their own private land. Why tie the hands of our future generations and kids that are going through the Future Farmers of America program? It scares me that one individual in the Department of Water Resources is going to make the decision for all of the future generations to come. We hope you haven't already made your decision in favor of the INA. In short we oppose the INA.

Respectfully,

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