

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 6, 2025

The Honorable Doug Burgum
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Burgum,

Congratulations on your confirmation. As members of the Arizona congressional delegation, we look forward to working with you on the range of issues under your department from supporting our tribal nations to protecting our water resources.

As you begin your tenure, we request a meeting with you at your earliest convenience to discuss the Colorado River and a realistic path forward to reaching an agreement on a long-term operational plan for the system.

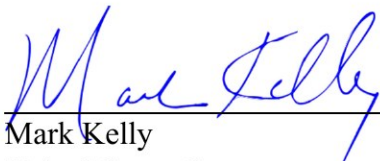
More than 40 million people in seven states and 30 Tribes across the West rely on the Colorado River for water, food, energy and more. Yet the historic quarter-century long drought, along with overuse, has stretched the system to its absolute breaking point. While we bought some time with the short-term conservation measures, we can't take our focus off a state-driven, basin-wide agreement that acknowledges the significant shared risks and is equitable between the Lower and Upper Basins.

Arizona has and will continue to do its part to protect the Colorado River, but we simply cannot do it alone. We look forward to meeting with you on this issue of great importance to Arizona and the West.

Sincerely,



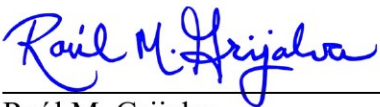
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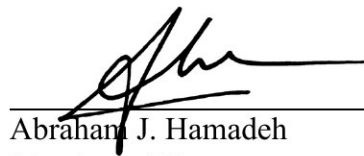
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