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Dear Col. Cross:

Water has always been Colorado's most fundamental resource, sustaining our economy and our environment. Conflict over the development, use and allocation of Colorado's water has been part of our history, and threatens to escalate as our population continues to expand.

The process to forge agreement between Denver Water and key West Slope and environmental stakeholders on the terms for Denver Water's proposed Moffat Collection System Project therefore stands as an historic example of how new water supply development can meet the needs of all of Colorado. United by a common vision that the West Slope's environment and economy could be better with this project, the parties steadfastly negotiated for years.

The results—the Colorado River Cooperative Agreement and the Mitigation and Enhancement Coordination Plan—represent the most comprehensive package yet achieved in the development of a new Colorado water supply project. These types of agreements benefit the river, the local west slope economies and allow for a more secure water supply for Front Range communities.

We applaud the diplomacy of these parties, and urge them to continue their example of collaborative leadership in the implementation and operation of the Moffat Collection System Project.

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Governor, 2007-2011

Bill Owens  
Governor, 1999-2007

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Governor, 1987-1999

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