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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in regard to the "Tribute" development proposed for the Sierra Vista area, and was prompted by an article in the Arizona Daily Star on that subject.

We believe that the "Tribute" development, in consideration of the acute water problems in this area, would be extremely detrimental to the San Pedro River. Our opinion (shared by nearly all of our neighbors) is that continued developments such as this one are irresponsible and would ultimately lead to severe water problems from which there may be no recovery.

There is only one (water supply) pie, and each house built is another slice out of that pie. The pie is getting smaller, and the number of slices are increasing. My own well, and that of several neighbors, all drilled over 20 years ago, are now dry, and there is plenty of both anecdotal and scientific evidence that the San Pedro Valley water tables have plummeted in recent decades. This water shortage is only growing with human growth and the continued drought.

Your agency has an obligation and a current opportunity to protect a fragile resource, the San Pedro River riparian area, which is critically important in both the natural and economic realms. For the benefit of Cochise County citizens, present and future, and for the protection of the critically important San Pedro River riparian area, please use your authority to stop the Tribute development because THERE IS INSUFFICIENT WATER FOR IT.

Sincerely,

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