



March 1, 2013

Mr. McClintock and Mrs. Grace Napolitano  
House Water and Power Subcommittee  
House Natural Resources Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

**RE: H.R. 678, to Authorize All Bureau of Reclamation Conduit Facilities for Hydropower Development**

Dear Mr. McClintock and Ms. Napolitano:

The Agri-Business Council of Arizona (ABC) is a non-profit state association comprised of special districts, agricultural businesses and agriculturally-related businesses and individuals who participate in and support water resources and agriculture in Arizona. Many of our members manage Reclamation project water delivery systems and are very much interested in a streamlined, cost-effective lease of power privilege program that the Bureau of Reclamation may be able to implement with the assistance of the guidance Congress will give Bureau of Reclamation in H.R. 678.

ABC supports H.R. 678. It is an important streamlining and cost saving bill that will make a lease of power privilege program more attractive to our members and others in Arizona, as well as in the other Western states. We wish to thank you for having an early hearing in this session of Congress on this important bill and we hope that you will act swiftly to bring it to the full House of Representatives for its passage as soon as possible.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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