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**United States Senate**  
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Mr. Bill Long  
Chairman, SECWCD  
31717 United Avenue  
Pueblo, CO 81001

Dear Bill,

Thank you again for meeting with me this past Saturday in Pueblo to discuss the many water issues involving the Arkansas River Basin. While these issues generate much passion, we must try to find solutions to these very complex problems.

As we discussed, I look forward to meeting with everyone again sometime soon after the SECWCD PSOP Committee meeting on August 10. My office will schedule a date and location and get that information to you.

I have enclosed for your review and consideration a draft bill that would authorize the water storage expansion and flood control studies that I proposed during our meeting.

I believe that simplifying federal legislation to address water needs in the Arkansas River Valley may be the better way to end the impasse over competing water bills. Because Fountain Creek is intricately connected to water supply, control and storage issues not only for the communities of Colorado Springs, Fountain and Pueblo, but also for the lower Arkansas Valley, I believe it is worthwhile to study the issue of a multipurpose project on Fountain Creek. All the other worthwhile issues that each of you has raised at one time or another can and should be resolved. But I believe they should be addressed by means other than by directly linking them to feasibility studies related to the possible enlargement of existing storage facilities or the possible construction of a multipurpose project on Fountain Creek.

I look forward to your review of and comments on the proposed draft legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Salazar".

Ken Salazar  
United States Senator

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