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The Honorable Scott Tipton
218 Cannon HOB
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: H.R. 695

Dear Congressman Tipton:

On behalf of the Colorado Water Congress, we are writing to express our support for **H.R. 695**, Healthy Forest Management and Wildfire Prevention Act. The Colorado Water Congress is the principal voice of Colorado's water interests, and our Federal Affairs Committee fully supports this legislation to protect against the bark beetle epidemic, drought, deteriorating forest conditions, and high risk of wildfires on National Forest System land and land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management.

The Colorado Water Congress is in full support of this legislation, as Colorado's forest lands provide water supplies for agriculture, municipal, industrial, recreational and environmental uses. Furthermore, as a headwaters state, Colorado water, originating in our forests, flows through 18 other states.

H.R. 695 illustrates a clear goal of facilitating and expediting treatments to prevent wildfires in beetle-infested forests, a keystone to protecting water flowing from Colorado's forests. We appreciate your introducing this legislation and we look forward to working with you and your staff on similar issues to help protect Colorado in the future.

Sincerely,

Doug Kemper
Executive Director

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Federal Affairs Committee Chair

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Federal Affairs Committee Vice Chair