



# City of Sierra Vista

Office of the Mayor

February 18, 2010

The Honorable Gabrielle Giffords  
U.S. Congress  
1728 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Re: FY11 Appropriation Request  
United States Geological Survey Monitoring and Reporting

Dear Congresswoman Giffords:

I wish to extend my support of the appropriation request for the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Monitoring and Reporting project. The hydrologic monitoring of our sub-watershed by the USGS enables local officials to make science-based decisions regarding the management of this priceless resource. The work of the USGS also enables us to comply with the congressionally-mandated requirements of Public Law 108-136.

Without the hydrologic monitoring and reporting services provided by the USGS, we would not have the information necessary to assess the hydrologic conditions of our sub-watershed and the actions we must take to ensure a sustainable water supply for generations. The vital work of USGS also enables us to choose the most cost-effective and viable options to accomplish sustainable yield, thus saving the taxpayers unnecessary expense.

Please accept this letter as my full endorsement of the appropriation requested on behalf of the USGS. As always, thank you for your consideration and continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert B. Strain".

Robert B. Strain  
Mayor