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The Colorado Water Congress expresses our deepest appreciation to Attorneys General Phil Weiser and Cynthia Coffman and their legal teams for their continuing commitment to protecting Colorado's water and property rights system.

As the oldest statewide water association, we have supported their efforts in the *Colorado v. Hill* case, and we believe the Colorado Supreme Court correctly decided that case. The Colorado Department of Law provided consistent high-quality research and advocacy for the case through multiple courts and jurisdictions. We were pleased to assist with *amicus curiae* briefs when appropriate.

The court's decision is consistent with Colorado law dating back to the state's constitution adopted in 1876. It provides stability to rights in land and water at a critical time for Colorado. It should help avoid litigation challenging established land ownership and water rights.

We would like to especially thank the lengthy and high-quality work of your litigation teams, including Solicitors General Eric Olson and Fred Yarger, Deputy Attorney General Scott Steinbrecher, and Senior Assistant Attorney General Dan Steuer.

One of the key missions of the Colorado Water Congress during its more than 70 years of representing Colorado water interests has been to provide a sustainable and stable system guided by the rule of law. The work of the Colorado Department of Law, its leaders and advocates contributed to that mission in this action.

Best regards,

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