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**Ref: Protest to EID Change Applications for Water Right 57-7796**

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Dear Mr. Jones,

I am 89 years old and have lived in Emigration Canyon for 60 years. My late husband Leon Sheya was a former trustee of Emigration Improvement District and we fought against the Emigration Oaks development by the Boyer Company back in the early 1980's to protect long-time Canyon residents and the canyon stream.

Jack Barnett at the time was EID hydrologist. He warned that decrease flows of the canyon stream would increase the likelihood that private wells located near the stream might become contaminated with bacteria or go dry.

It appears that our worst fears have come true.

I have a superior water right to that owned by EID dating back to April 28, 1953 (#57-2285).

Since EID began operation of the Brigham Fork and Upper Freeze Creek Wells, my private well water has a foul odor and because it has a red color, we cannot drink it during particular times of the year and I have never seen the Emigration Canyon stream at lower levels than now.

Since June 2013, I have received bills from EID totaling **\$1,395.50** for a "fire-hydrant rental fee" or "water availability fee" or "water base fee" to pay for the Emigration Oaks water system. The EID filed a tax lien on my property in November 2014 to collect these bogus fees to include 2015, 2016 and 2017.

How much longer will you stand by and let EID tax elderly people on limited income while simultaneously drying up their wells? I remind you that Emigration Canyon is the birthplace of the State of Utah the very place where Brigham Young made his last stop before settling the Salt Lake City Valley.

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