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Legislative Hearing on

H.R. 1904, the "Indian Water Rights Settlement Extension Act"

Questions from Rep. Levin for Chairman Manuel, Chairman of the Tohono O'Odham Nation

 The American Southwest's 182 federally recognized tribes and tribal communities are disproportionately vulnerable to climate change and drought, and as your testimony mentions, climate change and drought have negatively impacted tribal water rights. How important is it that tribes have water security in times of drought? How will securing permanent funding to implement Indian water settlements help tribes like the Tohono O'Odham Nation better adapt to a changing environment?