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October 2, 2015

Gila County Board of Supervisors  
1400 E Ash Street  
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Dear Board of Supervisors

The Gila County Cattle Growers Association (GCCGA) is applying for the use of the Gila County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall facility on Saturday, December 5, 2015 to hold a Holiday Dinner-Dance and Salute to Ranching. We are requesting a waiver from the fee requirements for use of this facility.

The GCCGA is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the Cattle Industry throughout our county, our state and our nation.

Over the years our annual sale has been a tradition that greatly enhances the economy of Gila County. In May of this year alone, the sale generated an estimated economic impact of \$15 million, sustaining our annual average of \$15 - \$16 million per year over the past 5 years. This emphasizes the importance of cattle in our communities and to the County.

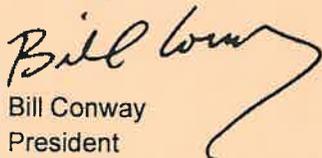
However, as a non-profit organization, we too have been adversely effected by the waning economy of late.

The funds raised by this event will be used in our continuing efforts on local, state and national levels to protect the future of our families, friends and neighbors from the relentless overreach of the federal government in such issues as the attempt to control our water on all fronts, the devastation of the US Fish and Wildlife Service release of the Mexican gray wolf into our local communities, the effects on our economy due to fire and drought conditions, and many other issues that adversely affect our life and economy in Gila County.

We look forward to being able to stand side-by side with our County leaders, pressing forward in our unified goal to maintain and enhance our productive rural lifestyle.

Thank you for considering this request for waiver of fees. Please call if any additional information is needed. You can reach me by phone at 928-978-2628 or email at [billconway16@gmail.com](mailto:billconway16@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

  
Bill Conway  
President