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February 3, 2003

Dear David Pope,

My name is Kelli Arrowsmith and I am writing you concerning the water situation out here at Bentley Kansas. My husband, Ron and I purchased our farm last year from his family's estate. I have never owned a farm, I was born and raised in Wichita until I was 13 years old. After we purchased the land, We found out that we became members of Ground Water District #2.

Mr. Pope, I am not the smartest person in the world to say the least, but now that we own the farm, we have found out about Wichita Water Department's plans to "Recharge the Water beds" with flood waters from the Little Arkansas River. Mr. Pope, I have no problem with Wichita having water if they need it, but pumping river water into our Equus Beds is not a good idea for anyone. Please consider Wichita's own record with their water. They are all ready on the EPA superfund for contamination of water under their city. They tested the river during their River fest and found that they were polluting their own river, they encourage wasting water by not encouraging the planting of low water use plants in new developments, businesses or their own city parks. They allow for all the "decorative fishing lakes " at the apartment complexes around their city and then want to limit the county's usage of water for livestock, refer to the K.A.R's. they are trying to pass that have new regulations as to how much water we can water everything from a goat to a horse. Wichita doesn't even want this water for their own use, they want it to sell to make money. I have no problem with someone making an honest dollar, but restricting how I can water my horse so they can sell to Derby is not right. Mr. Pope, in the Bible there is a story about a rich man who owns many sheep taking a poor mans lamb to feed to his friends. This is what is being done to us. Wichita wants to dump flood water, (which if it was in my house the national guard would be making me leave because of disease), into my drinking water so they can take it out later and sell it to someone else without regard to use.

Mr. Pope, Wichita says one of the reasons they want these wells is to stop the flow of salt water from the north. As I said, I'm not real smart, but I did ask one of the board members how fast that salt field was moving, he said 5 feet a year. I asked a farmer from the area of the salt field what the salt was doing to him, he told me not much, they just drilled above or below it, it was just on one level of water. Well, it's going to take 1200 years to go a mile. Wichita will allow arsenic, atrozine, bacteria and dirt into the flood water and where they dump it is where I get my drinking water, I'm sure Wichita

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would be glad to sell me drinking water, I think that's the ultimate goal. I don't believe that is acceptable.

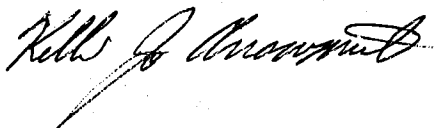
Jerry Blain, of the Wichita Water Department has all ready told us that this will only solve Wichita's water problems for 10 years. Wichita doesn't have a water problem when it is selling water to everyone else. That's the same as those people asking for charity money when their children are not sick, Wichita is just taking us for a ride. If they had a problem with water supplies, they wouldn't be selling their water to Derby, Rose Hill, Andover, and the other towns. They would be putting in water restrictions and giving breaks for planting low water grasses. Wichita does not do this, they just build more and landscape more and water more cement, I work at a local aircraft plant and the city of Wichita is the worst about over watering their fescue and allowing water to run into the storm drains. All I want is to keep my dry land farm and be able to drink out of my well.

Mr. Pope. Please do not give Wichita Water Department these water permits they are asking for. Please do not allow Wichita to bully the people of Sedgwick County, the people with less than 40 acres that do not have a say on the Groundwater Management District #2. Please do not allow Wichita to poison our water supply for their own purpose of selling water to the highest bidder, of condemning our land, of stealing our lifestyle. Mr. Pope, some of us do not have a voice in this system, some of us are at the big irrigation farmers mercy, at Wichita's mercy, some of us can only beg of our government to do what is right and save us from the bullying aspects of big money. Please Mr. Pope, call me and let's talk, write me and let's discuss, hear the voices of the unrepresentative.

Sincerely,

The Arrowsmith Family,

Ron, Kelli, Crystal and Mandy



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February 14, 2003

Ms. Kelli Arrowsmith
17215 W. 125 N.
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RE: Wichita's Proposed Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project
in the Equus Beds

Dear Ms. Arrowsmith:

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Ms. Sandra L. Peterson
PO Box 122
Sedgwick, KS 67135

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Thank you.

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Jondra L Peterson

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Mr. Scott Galloway
13530 W. 109 N W
Sedgwick, KS 67135

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Ken and Betty Galloway
13320 W. 109 N.
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February 18, 2003

Ms. Tonya Kohr
10933 N 119th W
Sedgwick KS 67135

RE: Wichita's Proposed Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project
in the Equus Beds

Dear Ms Kohr:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 9, 2003 concerning the subject matter.

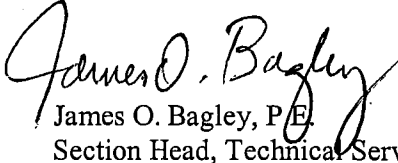
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Dear Ms. Sebelius,

I'm writing to you in concern of the Recharge Wells in the Ground Management District #2. The City of Wichita Water Department is wanting to put these recharge wells off of the Arkansas River and pump it into the Equis Beds, contaminating our water supply. We live a mile from one recharge well now, and a whole tree row right next to it has died. There are many rumors on this subject, but we can't seem to get any proof of what really is the reason for the dying trees. We have heard that after testing of the water after being recharged, that high levels of arsenic are in the water.

My family and I would greatly appreciate it if you would look into the City of Wichita's plan before granting them permission to do so. We live right over the Equis Beds and have very good water. The health of my family and very close friends we have made are very important to me.

THANK YOU

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