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April 6, 2019

Dear Mike Beam and David W. Barfield,

We request administrative review by the Secretary pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-708b, K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 82a-1901, and K.S.A. 77-527.

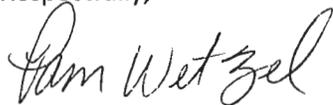
Robbing Peter to pay Paul is not the solution to the matter of the City of Hays and the City of Russell's water problem. We feel that the amount of money that the City of Hays has spent to purchase the R9 Ranch and with the additional expense of building a pipeline, the cities could purchase water rights closer to their area. We do not want to see the resources of Edwards County diminished to benefit cities seventy miles away. Our family has been farming west of the R9 Ranch since 1878 and we would like to see the resources continue for generations to come.

Edwards County is an agricultural county and any water taken out of the county will diminish and be a detriment to our county.

Keller Blissner hit the nail on the head when he calculated the consumptive use analysis to show why moving the amount of water would be a detriment to this aquifer.

My husband and I have written a prayer that we say daily since we attended the meeting last year in Greensburg. Here's what we wrote: Dear Lord, we are faced with the possibility of the City of Hays moving water from our area to several cities 70 miles north of us. We have tried to take care of your land, water, and other resources on our farm. We do not feel this transfer is something you would want for your wonderful creation. Please help the decision makers make the right decisions that would protect this wonderful resource that you have given us.

Respectfully,



Pam and Steve Wetzel

