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We would like to go on record that we feel that the preservation and quality of all of our water sources below ground as well as above ground is paramount to the success of Kansas businesses, agricultural, industrial and retail as well as the well-being of all Kansans who live here in this state.

The draft plan seems to indicate that the current usage is less than adequate for current needs and increases will be required for future growth.

This is *unacceptable*. The plan should be developed around *strict conservation* of the resources we have today. The state should be developing plans that *actually reduce* the amount of water used. A moratorium on irrigated agriculture land should be instituted. No water should be obtained that is not "recharged" each year through a natural process.

The amount of water allowed to be used and permitted each year should be reduced until there is a natural surplus.

We need to think and plan for the future of Kansas and not just react to immediate needs.

Sincerely Parker Zerger Family Trust

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