

To members of the House Committee on Agriculture:

Greetings!

In our lifetimes, we have watched Kansas' water resources mined, depleted, exploited & squandered for the primary benefit of large corporate / industrial Agriculture interests. We also need to be cognizant of all potential pollution and environmental contamination!

I believe Kansas Water should be utilized **for the benefit of all Kansans**!!!

In addition, soil health, soil erosion, our communities financial, social and health issues are all concerns with continued negative consequences. Generally, rural Kansas suffers when these types of policies (SB 405) are implemented.

Our past Ag policies tend to support corporate / industrial Ag through biased policy and direct / indirect subsidies, shouldered by the average Kansas taxpayer.

The citizens of Kansas are paying a high price for the short-sighted Ag policies of our political leaders. And the long term, negative consequences keep marching forward.

SB 405 has much potential to further degrade the lives and vocations of the rural citizens of Kansas.

Please vote NO on SB 405!

I would also like to suggest stronger rules and regs in general, plus any policy that will encourage, healthy, quality, nutritious, local food production (sustainable jobs) in all communities of Kansas!

sincerely,

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