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Dear Oklahoma Water Resources Board,

I would like to thank you for study and helping to protect our valuable resource in the Arbuckle Simpson Aquifer. The decision to limit pumping, setting MAY at .2 a/f, based on best available science will help our part of the state maintain the lifestyle which makes this area such a great place to live and visit, which is part of why I think the Oklahoma Legislature passed SB288.

I think the reason people were so intent on SB288 was to protect this resource for this area and not have it sent away in quantities harmful to those who depend on it. I am sure they were not trying to cause a hardship for those who live in the area and have been using this resource for some time.

You received a letter from Rural Water Dist. #1 Murray County, which described some of the affects the implementation of .2 Acre/ft would have on this Water District. It would seem, this would be an unfortunate, unforeseen consequence of an otherwise admirable action. This could be mitigated or an exception be made for this Water District, which supplies the needs of so many. Some might say why an exception, but this entire Sole Source Aquifer is to address a situation not dealt with before. No good reason that this one Water District should be affected so dramatically.

Having served on the Board for Rural Water District #1 for 9 years and as Chairman of that board for several years, I have a slight awareness of some of the challenges you face.

Once again, Thank you for your continuing work to carry out this task of addressing the varied demands for this most valuable resource.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Gainey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

David Gainey