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Oklahoma Water Resources Board
Oklahoma City, OK

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I am a resident of Tishomingo, a city which depends solely on domestic water from Pennington Creek, which emanates from the springs of the Arbuckle Simpson Aquifer. I have owned my home in the City since December, 1977. It is a fact that my life and property depend on the Arbuckle Simpson Aquifer and I have no viable alternative. Recreation along Pennington Creek and other Arbuckle-Simpson streams is also part of my way of life.

Until SB288 passed in 2003, the Aquifer was subjected to the 20-year lifespan mandated by an Oklahoma water policy based on the principles of oil and gas depletion. As SB288 is implemented, we must change our focus from depletion to sustainability. Human reason tells us that we can't take out more than what goes in and it also commands us to be fair to all who have rights to the Aquifer water.

The best science we have to date gives us a path to follow that is both reasonable and fair. I support the Oklahoma Water Resources Board recommendation for 0.2 acre feet withdrawal rate. If and when better science outcomes give us reason to increase this equal proportionate share, I am in favor of changing it as the law allows, as long as we stick to a policy of reasonableness and fairness for all.

Thank you for giving my opinion due consideration.

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