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Honorable Members of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board

Mr. J.D. Strong

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Dear Members of the Board and Mr. Strong,

The 5 year "phase-in" period proposed in the OWRB's tentative implementation of SB 288 is unfair because I was denied the opportunity to permit and use my water rights for the past nine years. Had I been allowed to permit my water rights, then I would be allowed to take more water. However, I was not allowed to do so, while those who already had permits were allowed to continue using their water. This is unfair because I wanted to permit my water rights and had I been allowed to do so, I would be allowed to take more now. This is doubly frustrating to me because I have been denied my rights for the past nine years and now find myself being penalized again while others have been able to take more water all along and continue to be able to do so for the next five years if the rule is implemented as planned.

Thank you for attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

John Gayler