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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2321 BEFORE THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Representative John Doll, Garden City

Good Afternoon, Madam Chair and Members of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. My name is John Doll, and I am a Legislator for the 123rd legislative district which includes most of Garden City, Kansas.

I appear before you today as a proponent of **House Bill No. 2321**, which opens up the ability to use "gray water" if the homeowner so chooses. "Gray water" is reusing your waste water for your own residence.

In the time that our great state has endured a horrific drought, I believe that we can learn a great lesson—that every drop of water counts. **HB 2321** gives residents the option of capturing most waste water and reusing the water on landscaping, gardening, and trees. It does not create runoff or a pond, and is not sprayed into the air; it is delivered by surface drip irrigation.

Another strength of the bill is that local municipalities can have control of what best applies for their region, and it is completely optional for the homeowner. But most importantly, it will preserve our most precious resource, water!

I do wish to propose several changes to the bill. First, on page 2 (iv), we should eliminate the language. On page 4, lines 30 and 31, change "subsurface water" to "ground water."

I respectfully ask for your support on HB 2321, and will stand for any questions.

John Doll, District 123 Representative

House Agriculture & Natural

Resources Committee

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