

To: Representative Tom Sloan, Chair
Water & Environment Committee Members,

I am a native born Kansan and have lived here all of my life. I have purchased homes 3 times and this is the first time in over 40 years of home ownership that I have had any damage from earthquakes to my property. You can see what my basement floor now looks like here (#1). In fact, until just a few years ago, I had never experienced an earthquake as a Kansan!

I had never seen the need to look into earthquake insurance but when I finally did I found it to be inexpensive but with 10% of my home's insured value for a deductible and so, worthless. It would not cover the damage I have right now that still needs to be repaired. I am not repairing my home anymore. You can see here the repairs I had to make to my recently remodeled bathroom when it was almost destroyed by wastewater injection earthquakes. (#2 and #3)

I petitioned the Kansas Corporation Commission to reduce these quakes and they did! They reduced the barrels to 8,000 for wastewater disposal and also reduced the possible pressure used but only in 2 counties. Soon after they increased it to 5 counties, all surrounding me and including my home county of Sedgwick. And I noticed a distinct drop in the number of quakes coming from my state!

But then.....**the quakes started spreading. Some were occurring in Barber County, in Pratt County and even in Ellis County of all things!** I realized that what was happening was that the injection wells were moving out of the counties with the restrictions and into counties without them. The companies injecting, and I am sure you are not aware of this, even then started coming into Wichita and opening wastewater manholes and pumping their salt water into our system and almost ruining the largest wastewater treatment facility in the state! I do not know if they have discovered who was doing it but they are certain that is what happened.

I have spent so far, a total of \$14,037.50, repairing induced earthquake damage to my house. I had to refinance my mortgage to do this. The rest of it would take at least twice as much more to repair but I will have to pay for it all myself. I cannot afford to do this. As you can see from my basement, I would need a new floor poured. My garage basement looks the same except worse. The north wall of my house had piers put in but it had already sunk a half inch so all the walls on that side of the house are out if kilter.

Please adopt this new rule insisting that every county in Kansas follow the 8,000 barrel limit. We have to stop these induced quakes. I have seen and felt firsthand the difference the limit made when it was instituted. There is no reason to not include this throughout our entire state.

Sincerely,

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