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Testimony to Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

Testifying as citizen within GMD #2 supporting SB 194

- Board member of GMD #2
- Member of Kansas Water Authority representing GMD's 2 & 5
- Board member of Halstead Farmers CO-OP, Halstead KS

Raised on farm in Mt Hope

- Farmed 4<sup>th</sup> generation farm to finance college education
- WSU Graduate Engineering
- Retired USAF Officer
- Captain United Airlines

Background provided opportunity to witness:

- Critical importance of water world-wide
- Vital contribution of local input and management

Developed 5 Agricultural water rights with assistance from local GMD personnel

GMD 2

- Smallest of GMD's
- Diversified users: Agricultural, Municipal, Industrial
- Directly serves the largest population in State
- 40% of City of Wichita water supply
- Diversified issues: Low recharge areas, Chloride and Oil Field contamination, 3 IGUCA's, ASR
- Numerous ongoing efforts:
  - KGS Sustainability Modeling
  - Phase 1 Complete
  - Phase 2 Area expansion and detail
  - Pilot Study for Burrton oil field brine
  - Opportunity to work with City of Wichita on potential long term solution
  - Chloride moving SE 1 foot per day-Requires expanding Burrton IGUCA
  - Budget has reached maximum Assessment allowed

High return for members and citizens:

- Assessment dollars raised in local area stay in local area
- Members directly benefit from the GMD programs
- Sustainable water supply provides substantial positive economic impact

Raising Assessment CAP is not a tax increase

- Any assessment increase is a local GMD board decision

Questions?