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Water Transfer Hearing Panel
c/o Chief Engineer – Division of Water Resources
Kansas Department of Agriculture
1320 Research Park Dr.
Manhattan, KS 66502

Subject: Support for Hays/Russell Water Transfer Application - Securing Water for Future Generations and Ensuring Health, Well-being, and Prosperity

Dear OAH Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Hays/Russell water transfer application (OAH No. 23AG0023) and emphasize its utmost importance in securing a sustainable water supply for the communities of Hays and Russell. As we face increasing challenges posed by water scarcity, it is imperative that we take proactive steps to ensure the health, well-being, and prosperity of our present and future generations.

Access to an ample and reliable water source is a vital determinant of community health and well-being. Adequate water supply plays a critical role in maintaining public health standards, supporting sanitation infrastructure, and ensuring the availability of safe drinking water. The approval of the Hays/Russell water transfer application would enable the region to meet the growing demand for water, safeguarding the health and well-being of the residents for years to come.

Furthermore, water scarcity poses significant threats to the economic prosperity of any region. Industries, businesses, and agriculture heavily rely on water for their operations. By granting approval for the water transfer, Hays and Russell would not only secure the future viability of existing enterprises but also attract new investments and foster economic growth. This, in turn, would create employment opportunities, enhance the standard of living, and contribute to the overall prosperity of the region.

The Hays/Russell water transfer application represents a vital step toward ensuring the long-term health, well-being, and prosperity of the communities involved. It exemplifies a responsible and proactive approach to resource management, recognizing the direct link between water availability and the overall quality of life for the residents. By securing a sustainable water supply, we can alleviate the pressures caused by water scarcity, minimize the risk of waterborne diseases, and enable the continued growth of essential sectors that drive economic prosperity.

I urge the OAH Committee to carefully consider the wide-ranging benefits of the Hays/Russell water transfer application. By granting approval, you will not only safeguard the health, well-being, and prosperity of the present generation but also establish a foundation for the future generations to thrive. This decision will pave the way for sustainable development, environmental stewardship, and resilient communities, serving as a shining example for others facing similar water challenges.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter. I trust that you will make a decision that prioritizes the health, well-being, and prosperity of Hays and Russell, ensuring a bright and sustainable future for generations to come.



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