



PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE HAYS/RUSSELL WATER TRANSFER APPLICATION, OAH NO. 23AG0023 AG

June 20, 2023

Toby Dougherty  
City Manager  
City of Hays  
1507 Main  
Hays, KS 67601

Dear Mr. Dougherty,

I am an alumna of Fort Hays State University and currently serve as the FHSU Alumni Director. My dedication to the future of our university is unwavering, as is my commitment to the Hays area, where I have lived for many years and am raising my family. Our region currently faces a critical shortage of sustainable water that will undoubtedly stultify the growth of our communities.

This lack of water challenges the economic development of our growing \$3 billion economy and future generations of students seeking an education at Fort Hays State University. The proposed transfer will secure over 75 years of water for our area and could provide a drought backup for surrounding communities and water suppliers throughout the Hays and Russell areas.

We encourage those deliberating on this matter to approve the transfer application while considering these factors. The prosperity of our region and the success of Fort Hays State University hinges on this critical initiative.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Tatro  
FHSU Alumni Director