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Chief Engineer Barfield,

As the Board of Harvey County Commissioners, we are writing this letter in response to the City of Wichita's Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Permit Modification Proposal. The Equus Beds Aquifer is vital to the citizens of Harvey County who consume this water every day, the industries in our County who utilize water as part of their operations, and for the agricultural producers who utilize it in the production of crops and livestock. As a County, we rely upon Groundwater Management District No. 2 (GMD2) and its Board of Directors to properly manage groundwater resources with the public interest in mind. The Board of Directors of GMD2 has recently submitted expert reports in opposition to the City of Wichita's ASR Permit Modification Proposal. The reports outline concerns and reasons why it would not be in the public's interest to approve the City of Wichita's proposal. Based on this information, the Board of Harvey County Commissioners is also in opposition to the City of Wichita's ASR Permit Modification Proposal.

Thank you for your consideration, and for keeping the interests of the citizens of Harvey County in mind throughout the decision-making process.

Board of Harvey County Commissioners

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