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To: Governor Laura Kelly

From: Stan Kaiser

Subject: Water Reduction Plan

Hello Governor Kelly,

I'm writing you in regards to the Quivira Wildlife Refuge water restriction plan by chief engineer David Barfield. I'm hearing all kinds of water reduction rates and percentages for those like us that fall into the affected area.

We own and manage a 26,000 head cattle feedyard just north of St. John, KS. If our water is reduced for our livestock wells and irrigation wells we will obviously reduce our headcount accordingly. We can't have the cattle consume 10 – 30% less water, we'll simply keep less cattle on hand.

As you know cattle production is a major driver for our state. I'm asking you to stay involved and really pull for the folks in our area on this water issue. I've attended all the meetings and I can tell you that most of us are willing to do our part and share some reduction, but when I hear we could be faced with 25-33% reduction, we won't survive. Our business model only works when we run at capacity, mainly because our margins are so tight and the cattle market isn't cooperating very well.

Thank you for your help and feel free to give me a call or stop by anytime you're in our area.

Stan Kaiser

Operations Manager/Owner