To whom it may concern:

I am writing as a concerned citizen. I have read the articles and meeting minutes concerning the recent issues with the Equus beds. I believe that allowing the city of Wichita to claim 3 times as much water as they currently claim, and allowing them to pull water beyond the levels agreed upon during a time of extreme drought in the early 90s would be a mistake. It is a very short-sighted thing to allow. We owe it to our children and their children to try to use our resources responsibly.

My fear is that overuse of the equus beds now, could lead to major issues in the future. During times of drought, the depletion of the equus beds by the city of Wichita, could prevent farmers from being able to water crops, or ranchers might not be able to water their livestock. As a rural resident that uses well water, it could potentially stop me from being able to pump water at my house.

Please do not rush to any decisions on this matter. There is a lot at stake, and we owe it to ourselves to research the issue so that we understand the potential effects it could have on not only us, but also our children's lives in the future.

Thank you so much for your time,

Dr. Kate E. Jacob