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To: [Alan Day](#)
Subject: Robertson County Water Transportation--OPPOSED!
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Mr. Day,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the recent proposal to transport groundwater from our local area to the "I-35 corridor" as it was referred to in the most recent meeting. As a resident and stakeholder in this community, I have several concerns regarding the potential impacts of this plan on our environment, economy, and overall well-being.

Firstly, our local groundwater is a vital resource for our community. It supports our agricultural activities, provides drinking water, and sustains our local ecosystems. The removal of significant quantities of groundwater to another area could jeopardize the availability of this essential resource for our own needs. Depleting our groundwater reserves could lead to reduced water levels, negatively affecting quality and amount available for local wells, streams, and wetlands.

Secondly, the agricultural sector in Robertson County heavily depends on groundwater for irrigation. Our county is known for its production of crops such as cotton, corn, and soybeans. The removal of groundwater to another area could lead to reduced water availability for irrigation, negatively affecting crop yields. This, in turn, could cause economic hardship for local farmers, decrease agricultural productivity, and increase food prices for consumers. The economic ripple effects could extend to other sectors, including local businesses that support and depend on the agricultural industry. .

Furthermore, the ecological balance of our region depends on a stable groundwater supply. The Carrizo-Wilcox aquifer and Simsboro aquifers supports various habitats and species, including several that are considered ecologically sensitive. Altering the groundwater levels can disrupt these habitats, leading to a loss of biodiversity and degradation of natural ecosystems. Protecting these ecosystems is not only vital for maintaining biodiversity but also for ensuring the resilience of our natural environment against climate change and other ecological threats.

Additionally, we should not allow a proposal that will significantly impact our citizens by requiring them to re-drill or lower their pumps. This additional cost could be a huge financial burden on our families and farms that are already financially struggling.

I urge the Ground Water Commission to carefully consider these potential impacts and to prioritize the long-term sustainability of our local groundwater resources. Protecting our groundwater is essential for the health, prosperity, and resilience of our community.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I hope the commission will make a decision that reflects the best interests of our local environment and residents.

Please let me know if you need any additional information or have any questions regarding my opposition to this proposal.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter

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Sincerely,

Kevin Kornegay