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I have become aware of the Petition to Amend Wyoming Water Quality Rule, Chapter 2, Appendix H. My grandfather's father came to Wyoming from Nevada in the late 1800's and purchased and homesteaded. This ranch was owned by our family until the 1980's. My grandmother's grandfather came to the United States from Ireland in the late 1800's, joined the calvary and later ranched in the Big Horn Basin. His son was the first white child born in that area.

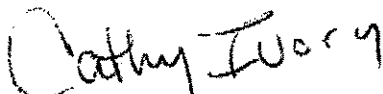
I am proud of Wyoming and the way the people who have lived in Wyoming take care of their state and use the resources that we have. My husband and I have owned stock and leased land in many areas of Wyoming. We have many personal friends who own ranches all over Wyoming from Cheyenne to Torrington, Casper, Cody, Thermopolis, Worland, Ten Sleep, Gillette, Roset, Arvada, Wheatland, Douglas, Kemmer. Some of these own the mineral rights for their land and benefit greatly from this and some do not. We never had a problem with water for our livestock and I have never heard of any problems with the water from other ranchers. In fact I know that one felt that there was a great opportunity for irrigation with the additional water.

I know that we all benefit from the minerals in Wyoming. Our three children attended the University of Wyoming. All of our schools benefit but we certainly benefit financially because of the low cost for attending college in Wyoming. We also benefit because of no state income tax and also property taxes.

Wages in Wyoming are low compared to many other places in the United States. Any area where minerals are actively produced in Wyoming benefit from the dollars that come into and filter through that area.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,


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