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Dear Mr. Gordon:

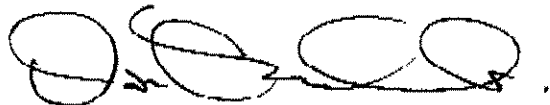
In response to the Citizen Petition for Rule Making, revised version WQD Chapter 2:

As 4th generation ranchers, contractors and Mineral owners, we have some concerns about the language and ramifications of the petition before your committee.

1. As ranchers we would not have been able to survive the last eight (8) years of drought without CBM water in our water tanks and reservoirs.
2. In our case the CBM water has been managed responsibly by our operators with full cooperation with to maximize the benefits of water.
3. As for the petitioners in this action, I know for a fact, that certain one(s) have had offers by the industry to remediate their problems and have been denied access to do the work. Also, it seems that some of the petitioners admittedly do not even have current CBM issues.
4. The statement on page three (3) of the petition that "Every ranch and farm operation is threatened by CBM discharge water." Is at the very least quite presumptuous and does not speak for any sort of majority in our area. Speaking for ourselves, feelings threatened is an extreme over statement.

5. In a democratic society, I'm somewhat shocked that 11 people can bring about rules that do tremendous harm to countless agriculture industries. I was always under the assumption, in our society, the majority overruled the minority.
6. In closing, I understand there are some isolated issues which need to be addressed and should be, but I don't believe hundreds of other folks should pay the price for dealing with these issues, by eliminating our individual use of CBM water for Agricultural and wildlife beneficial use.

Thank you for your time,



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