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Dear Mr. Gordon,

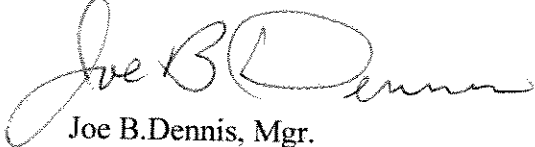
It is my understanding that the Environmental Quality Council is considering proposing rules that would require that water produced in conjunction with oil and gas extraction would have to be injected back into the ground. Although the production of this water might be a problem in some parts of the state, in the Big Horn Basin where I ranch this water is a valuable asset.

My neighbors and I have pastures where this water is the only reliable year round water source for our livestock. These sources of water were crucial during the recent drought years. Loss of this water would cause me significant financial loss in that my grazing would be greatly curtailed, or I would have to spend significant dollars in an attempt to develop alternate water sources.

Besides water for my livestock, water produced by oil wells on my property provides a year round water source for wildlife in an area that is prime winter habitat for deer and elk. Loss of this water source might have significant impact on their numbers.

I understand the great amounts of water produced by coal bed methane production represent a serious problem for Powder River Basin area; however, it should be possible to address that problem without denying a valuable source of water to other regions of the state.

Regards,



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