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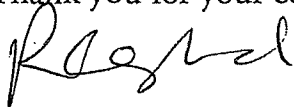
I am writing about the application for a permit to dispose of wastewater into Well no. 2, JB lease in Barton County. It is my understanding that this well is about nine miles from Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area. Disposing of waste this close to this very important wetlands would be a huge mistake. I wonder if you are aware that Cheyenne Bottoms is one of a handful of the most important places in North America for migratory birds, which are protected by international treaty. Cheyenne Bottoms hosts an unequaled number of species from all across the continent as they are migrating. During migration seasons, species appear together in this one place that are not seen in any other single location, ever.

We know from experience that spills happen. Wells leak. This location is far too important to risk with toxic waste.

Every person in North America has an interest in this issue.

You may already know that birdwatchers, demographically, spend a lot of money when they travel, and they make up a substantial share of Kansas's tourism revenue. I am telling all my birdwatching friends to alert their organizations to this great blunder about to happen. Please don't do it.

Thank you for your consideration.


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