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Subject: Subcommittee on MN water policy

Dear Rep. Hemmingsen-Jaeger,

I am not a farmer but speaking as an American who lives under a Republic. A Republic is represented by people who are duly elected. How many people whose input you are soliciting this morning have been elected by the people this policy will affect or will have to live directly with the consequences? Lobbyists and bureaucrats are not elected nor will they have to live directly with the result. Minnesota farmers MUST have an opportunity to share their input. Everything I've seen regarding this meeting, very few farmers are even aware of this. I encourage you to postpone any voting you were planning to make today and get the word out so more farmers will be able to share their input with you or their Senators and Representatives. It is their livelihood we're talking about. Farmers care more than anyone about the land they work and doing best practices for all.

Thank you.

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