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United States Senator Roger Marshall

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Dear Senator Roger Marshall,

My name is Olivia Bergmeier, and I am the executive director of the State Association of Kansas Watersheds.

I am informing you on behalf of the executive board and the member districts of SAKW that we support your recent focus on water conservation in Kansas. As you quoted in the Wednesday, March 2, hearings, “whisky is for drinking, water is for fighting,” many farmers, ranchers and producers experience everyday challenges with water. Watershed district operations and maintenance remain critical in protecting millions of acres of farmland and natural habitat alongside more than 45,000 farms and 700,000 homes.

Our 74-member watershed district boards are composed of local farmers and residents who aim to benefit their communities through local action. We implore you to continue these conversations during the 2023 Farm Bill hearings and continue prioritizing Kansas water conservation.

Sincerely,

Olivia Bergmeier, State Association of Kansas Watersheds