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Jerry olds  
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Dear, Mr. Olds

I am writing this letter in disagreement to the removal of the water rights in Escalante valley. Our irrigation water helps feed us and our animals, so please read the letter below.

We have had the water basin for 400 years or more, and there for is not enough data about the aquifer to know how much or how little water there is in the basin. With that information missing how are we to know how much is needed to refill the aquifer. How many wells are actually being tested and in which areas? If pumping is reduced then a lot of the farmlands that our county uses will be eliminated. Down in Central Utah the state wants to redirect our water to St. George Utah giving them our water so their community can grow, but if our water is taken our community will not be able to grow and we will lose farming privileges as well. The economical impacted would be devastating and many farmers out of livelihoods. If you start eliminating farmlands you eliminate hay, so how can we feed our livestock? So our irrigation helps feed not only our livestock but also ourselves, with our livestock gone how are we going to get our meats? I am asking that you would put this letter in a matter of public record.

Thank you for consideration of this letter,



Kaitlyn Cox

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