Issue: HB 2686

As a water right owner, user and a farmer in NW Kansas I am very much against HB 2686. As I am in the heart of SD6 I feel this is slap in the face for us that are already trying to do things right and conserve water. We have seen great results what we have done so far and feel as if we should remain the same as we have been. I am highly against the language in HB 2686 that would allow any registered voter to represent and potentially exclude critical beneficial use type for the region, specifically agricultural users. There also should not be term limits for board directors because institutional knowledge of water right law and operations is extremely beneficial to stakeholders. Our veteran board members are very good resource in water management and decision making regarding water policy. I highly oppose the proposed water right fee. We are currently assessed by our GMD and don't feel its right to have an additional fee over what we already paying locally. I do support water right fees but not in GMD's that already assess a water right fee.

Sincerely,

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