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Hello. I am very concerned about the limitations placed on new wells as proposed in this amendment. We live on 10 rural acres with our water supplied by an association. I realize that this new rule will not affect us directly, but after having our water supply metered for years, I know that the limitations you are placing are not adequate for rural living. My two main concerns are the limitation on outdoor watering area and the 500 gallon per day limitation.

We only use our water for domestic household purposes, livestock drinking water and watering our lawn and garden. No irrigation of any kind on the field. We have a family of 6, and the only large animals we have are two horses. I would say that our yard and garden are relatively small. In the summer months, when we are watering, we use over 500 gallons per day at times. We pay for our water by the gallon and are fairly careful with how much we use and we still exceed that amount. If people cannot have a yard greater than 1/12th of an acre or sufficient water to have a couple of animals, what do you think people are living in rural areas for? I can understand having some kind of limitation to prevent massive use, but 500 gallons per day is ridiculous and seems that the intent of this is to prevent any kind of rural wells.

Is there any kind of evidence that this tight restriction is even needed? During the "drought" a few summers ago the static levels of our water association well didn't drop at all despite high demand. Is there science backing up your proposal indicating a shortage in the aquifers and a significant risk posed by new wells? This appears to be a blatant attempt to restrict development and control property rights, completely based on political opinions. I encourage you to revise your proposal to something more practical.