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Rural Landowners  
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As a rural landowner and an operating family farm, we strongly oppose this measure. I believe this is government overreach and it is wrong. When we purchased our land, we knew we had to rely on a well for our household water for our family. We did not expect the city, state or county to pay for any repairs, or maintenance on our well because it was our responsibility. Unlike someone who lives in the city, they are required to pay for water and sewer, because the city provides them with a service of said water and sewer. We have had to pay many thousands of dollars through the years for sewer and water repairs on our property. It is not the states place to meter how much water we use. I especially oppose the fact that we must pay for the meter that the state is requiring to meter our well water usage. We already pay property taxes, state taxes, Cat taxes and multiple other taxes.

This is outrageous! When you purchase a rural home with a well you have already paid for that with the cost of your purchase. If there wasn't a well then you had to drill one which can cost \$20-\$50,000.00. The state Should not be monitoring our well water use. This is outrageous. This is an intrusion of our right to provide water which we have paid for with purchase. It is none of the state's business.

Sincerely,

Bill and Theresa Koehnke