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Testimony on House Bill 2493 To House Committee on Local Government

February 14, 2024

Chairman Bergquist and Members of the Committee, I am chairman of Marion County Rural Water District #4 board of directors. I am submitting comments in opposition of HB 2493 which concerns requiring rural water districts to publicly bid some purchases when the costs exceed \$25,000.

Marion Co. RWD#4 has contractors who are fully capable of handling our needs as a district.

This bill could delay our customers from receiving quality drinking water in a timely manner.

This could also add cost and hardship to customers who are limited in financial resources. We have an elderly, rural population who need access to quality rural water.

The time and costs associated with a bidding process would add extra strain to our limited office staff.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Respectfully,

Eldon Pankratz, Chairman