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Agency represented Harvey County Rural Water District #1

Bill # 2493

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Opponent

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Testimony on House Bill 2493
To
House Committee on Local Government

February 14, 2024

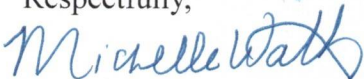
Chairman Bergquist and Members of the Committee, I am Michelle Watts, Office Manager, Harvey County Rural Water District #1. I am submitting comments in opposition of HB 2493 which concerns requiring rural water districts to publicly bid some purchases when the costs exceed \$25,000.

We feel this bill is unnecessary as we have approved our contractor for the calendar year 2024 and we will award contracts based on bidding procedure. This House Bill 2493 would cost the District more time and money with all the additional expenses such as but not limited to engineering, legal, bidding document fees and inspectors. The time this will take to complete a public letting process for contracts in excess of \$25,000 will delay all projects and not be a feasible option for the all the Rural Water Districts throughout the State.

Please understand the Districts position to oppose House Bill 2493. We do not feel this is a feasible option for all the Rural Water Districts throughout the State.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Respectfully,



Michelle Watts
Office Manager