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Good day:

My name is John Engelian and I have a 156 acre farm in the Salt Creek Area west of Dallas. I have several water rites for ponds for various form of water storage and use on the farm. Only one of the ponds is used for irrigation. The other ponds are for fire protection for the forest and wild life. There is now duck, geese, and other water fowl the year round. Since the addition of the ponds, the intermittent creek now runs water the year around. It used to dry up in July. I would see no reason to pay \$100 for water rites on the other ponds. They do not provide water for irrigation. I would probably let my rites go back on them and just drain the ponds and take my chances on a fire. My farm income is very limited and I can not increase my prices very much since most of them are market driven. All my other cost continue to raise, such as fuel, which I have no control over. If you continue to add these expenses, you will just force more of us out of the business. Maybe that is your goal. Everyone there in Salem always say they are going to create more jobs, but when push comes to shove agricultural always ends up on the short end of things thru increase fees for some bureaucrat or regulations that further restrict the land use.

Thanks for the consideration, if any one actually sees this letter.

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