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Dear Senators,

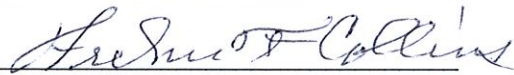
Please vote to protect our groundwater in House Concurrent Resolution 1025. The Fall River Conservation District is here to protect our land, water, soil and air. The lack of research on our groundwater aquifers is frightening. In the years to come, our future generations, there is going to be a fight for clean, fresh, drinkable water. Groundwater levels have dropped nationwide due to the amount of people using it for growing communities, agriculture, mining and many other applications.

Many places, like us, suffer from years of drought. During those years the water table drops and takes years to replace, but we, as consuming humans, don't give it a chance to rebuild. If nobody is guarding, studying and actively protecting our groundwater properly now how can we go back five years and test results to compare to present issues?

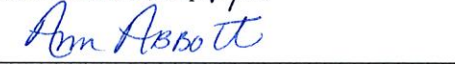
Western South Dakota doesn't have the luxury of the Eastside with ample moisture. Agriculture in our area is limited due to lack of water. Without current and monitored water testing in our area how can anyone in the State make sound decisions on how much water can or cannot be used for living, farming, agriculture or mining?

Sincerely,


Fall River Conservation Board



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