

August 29, '23
St. John, KS.

Dear Governor Kelly,

I am Virginia Taylor Russell - a farmer's daughter, farmer's wife, retired educator, the mother of five children, grandmother and Great Grandmother.

Two of our sons farm our family land. These two fellows are college grads. They have always wanted to be farmers just like their Dad, ever since they were little boys playing and "farming" in the sand. They are 6th Generation good caring men who follow the guidelines and regulations in the conservation of soil and water.

If the US Fish and Wildlife Service moves ahead to secure water rights to the Rattlesnake Creek Basin that will quite possibly ruin the plans, dreams, and welfare, not only my sons, but for all their friends, neighbors and family farms within these five counties.

The survival of small towns like
Stafford, Hudson, Macksville, Platt and St.
John (to name a few) will be compromised.
The Businesses, Service Centers, Employment
centers will be in dire straits.

Governor Keagy, the road of your con-
cern about the economy of our State.
I thank you listening with careful
consideration to the latest Devil of
the Prigalio Farmer.

Sincerely,
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P.S.
If you could enjoy
a smile and/or a tear
read Paul Harvey's
"God Made A Farmer"