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Representative Kathleen Curry  
Chair, Water Resources Review Committee

Dear Representative Curry,

Just prior to the 2009 session, I convened a group of interested stakeholders to participate in a facilitated discussion about the existing 35 acre exemption in Colorado statute. The intent was to explore ideas that will allow existing benefits of the 35 acre exemption to be preserved while potentially identifying additional benefits to Colorado. This group has been evaluating whether this objective can be obtained, and if so, by what creative mechanisms.

Clearly, this is an issue that has a long history, and many stakeholders with significant interests. These discussions have been open to all interested parties, with a specific seat at the table for:

1. Landowner/Developers
2. CCI (Colorado Counties Inc)
3. Home Builders
4. Agricultural Associations
5. Environmental Groups
6. Land Trusts
7. County governing representatives
8. Colorado Municipal League
9. Colorado Chapter of APA
10. Cattleman's Representative
11. Ranchers / Large rural landowners

We expect to continue discussions and outreach to individual stakeholders over the summer months. Water resources has proven to be an important component of this discussion, and thus I respectfully request that this issue be added in the Fall of 2009 to the Water Resources Review Committee agenda.

Sincerely,

Gail Schwartz  
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cc: Water Resources Review Committee