

Testimony of Marilyn Dresser, Lawrence; Proponent to HB 2641

Dear House Water and Environment Committee,

I am a Douglas County resident who has lived here all my life. I had never felt an earthquake in my life despite traveling to many Pacific Rim countries and living in San Francisco for a time. That is until most of us in Lawrence felt one in September, 2016. Of course its epicenter was Oklahoma which is now a state, because of the open fracking policies, has recently experienced thousands of earthquakes. Why would we want to emulate them? Shouldn't our precious farmland, pastoral Flint Hills and shrinking prairies be spared from this permanent scarring? Is nothing sacred to us as a state that we must sell off and spoil our resources for all time?

I urge you to push for adoption of HB 2641, so that we can limit the kind of damage that so clearly comes with fracking (wastewater injection).

Thank you for taking my viewpoint into consideration,

Marilyn Dresser
Lawrence