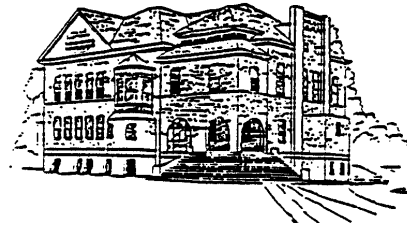


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Chairman Porter & House Energy & Natural Resources Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 1391.

My name is Larry Skiftun. I am a lifelong farmer in Wells County, a landowner, and also the current Chairman of the Wells County Water Resource District Board of Managers.

I submit this written testimony in opposition to House Bill 1391. I am not opposed to conducting a landowner vote when the cost of the cleaning out and repairing an assessment drain project justifies the administrative cost of conducting a landowner vote. House Bill 1391 creates a situation where the water resource board may need to incur administrative costs of conducting a landowner vote even when only a small tax assessment, or even no local tax assessment at all, is being levied.

I encourage a “Do Not Pass” recommendation on House Bill 1391. I request the opportunity to testify in person before the committee and will stand for any questions. Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

Larry Skiftun, Board of Managers Chair
Wells County Water Resource District