

SB 2364

Testimony of Larry Rexine

Concerned 5th generation farmer and landowner

Chairman Patten and members of the senate energy and natural resources committee. I want to thank you for allowing me to participate in the discussion concerning SB 2364. I am in full support of water being moved to the red river valley but am against the way the landowners have been treated by the agency in charge. From day one I was told that we don't have to negotiate with you people as we will use eminent domain to get what we want and that's what they are doing. All we have asked is to be treated fairly in this process as we will be losing our god given right to do as we see fit on this land. I want my son to be a 6th generation farmer and that's why we are asking you to sit down and negotiate a fair settlement. It is an absolute joke that I must take \$13.50 an acre for the next 100 years as we are told that's not negotiable. I want to see the water flow to the eastern part of the state but let us not forget that all people need to be treated fairly, treat us right and the water will flow.

Respectfully,

Larry Rexine