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Dear Sirs,

I am writing you today to express my opposition to the Kentucky American Water Co.'s intent to construct a water pipeline from pool three of the Kentucky River to Lexington. This proposed pipeline would run through what I feel is some of the most beautiful and scenic countryside in Central Kentucky. What makes this area so scenic? It is things like the Pfeiffer Fish Hatchery, Peaks Mill, the Elkhorn Creek, Switzer Covered Bridge, and the farms along Iron Works Pike.

As a member of CAWS I have tried to educate myself and others about the issues involved in a reliable water supply for central Ky. I continue to be quite concerned about the environmental impact of their plan.

Besides just feeling that it is beautiful countryside, I learned that Northern Franklin County is also host to federally endangered plants. The proposed route goes by four significant populations of Braun's Rockcress as well as a designated critical habitat area established by the Federal Fish and Wildlife Agency.

This habitat is critical for the long term survival of the species. The thing that puts these plants at risk is loss of

habitat and exotic species coming in after the ground has been disturbed. This plant is presently found only in Kentucky and Tennessee with the majority of the Kentucky population in Franklin County. The route also goes by or through populations of two other rare plant species unique to the area, Globe bladderpod and Svenson's wild rye.

This proposed route goes through a section of the Elkhorn Creek that is host to *Alasmidonta marginata* (Elktoe) a mussel that is considered threatened by the Kentucky State Nature Preserves.

The route also goes through other federally endangered designated critical habitat areas including that for:

*Rana pipiens* (northern leopard frog, KSNPC Special Concern)

*Gallinula chloropus* (common moorhen, KSNPC Threatened)

The route goes through priority watersheds identified by the Division of Water including source water protection area for Georgetown's Royal Springs and the South Elkhorn Creek.

In summary, the proposed pipeline route will cross over more than 20 streams, impact critical habitat areas, threaten endangered species, and jeopardize priority watersheds.

It is ludicrous to believe that the impact is minimal to the public and the environment as stated by Kentucky American Water in their application for a Nationwide Permit through the US Army Corps of Engineers. I feel we have the means and ability to supply water to central Ky without destroying the very things that make our community such a wonderful place to live. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Betty Beshoar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

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