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To whom it may concern:

As State Senator serving Marion County, I am exceedingly supportive of American Water purchasing the water company currently serving Jasper Highlands. This purchase will allow American Water to more affordably supply the customers of Jasper Highlands.

All parties benefit from this awaited sell: Jasper Highlands can eliminate their current utility service provision which requires a higher cost per gallon to each customer due to a lesser number of total customers... a limited clientele. American Water will be able to increase their customer base and reduce cost per gallon. The customers benefit by being served efficiently by a company whose core provision is water, at a lower cost.

I applaud Jasper Highlands for creating this utility provision for people desiring to retire and move to Tennessee. This world class addition to Marion County has greatly increased the property tax revenue stream to Rural Marion County. The sale tax revenue stream is also enhanced due to two dining facilities and a convenience market. The quality of the utility is evidenced by American Water desiring to purchase it.

This win-win transaction provides significant financial and core business possibilities for Jasper Highlands, Marion County and American Water. There is no downside to this sale... there would be unnecessary loss to Jasper Highlands, Marion County and American Water should this perfect transaction not proceed immediately.

The well being of citizens in Tennessee is obviously at risk in any delay. I encourage this transaction be expedited in any manner possible. The People's welfare requiring it.

Thank you for your consideration on my strong request.

Regards, Janice Deputy Speaker Bowling Senate District 16