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Good morning, Chairman Love and committee members. I am Dave Brenn, President of the Kansas Water Congress. Thank you for the opportunity to present these comments in reference to the Missouri River Aqueduct Project on behalf of the Kansas Water Congress. The KWC has supported the conduit concept and further study of the possibilities and challenges that it presents.

A recent meeting of a conduit sub-committee of the KWC determined, by consensus, these points.

1. First and foremost this project should be considered about helping all of Kansas with consideration for both local and state social/economic factors.
2. An independent third party or authority should be created to build and manage the aqueduct, this may placate Missouri and other interests and allow for statewide stakeholder participation. Determination of rates and allocation could also be included.
3. A aqueduct system would lend significant relief to Kansas reservoirs, particular in times of drought.
4. The Kansas Water Congress, recognizes that this aqueduct proposal is the best and the last long term hope for water supply in the State of Kansas. And which applies to every part of the state and use of water. As result of this recognition the KWC will help facilitate and generate pertinent discussion with the legislature and other interested parties as it relates to the aqueduct proposal.

Thank you.