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Dear Legislator:

As the President of the Wisconsin Stewardship Network (WSN), I am pleased to give you a copy of our new video entitled *Wisconsin's Blue Gold* and an accompanying discussion guide. It was produced by the WSN Groundwater Task Force in cooperation with the Concerned Citizens of Newport (CCN).

The video, narrated by Gil Halsted from Wisconsin Public Radio, begins with the efforts by local residents to stop Perrier Bottling Company from taking spring water from its rural community. The video goes on to describe general issues of groundwater usage and the adverse impacts of groundwater withdrawals being experienced in many parts of our state. Through interviews with two groundwater experts — Jim Krohelski of the USGS and Dr. George Kraft of UW-Stevens Point — these issues are explored in depth. The video concludes by stating that stronger water laws are needed to protect this precious natural resource.

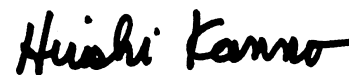
As groups and individuals throughout the state become more aware of the need to protect Wisconsin's waters, we hope this video adds positively to the dialogue. We would be pleased to send you additional copies of the video and the discussion guide.

If there are organizations in your district that would like to see the video and have a speaker, please let me know. Members of WSN throughout the state are prepared to make presentations. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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