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Good afternoon, Vigo County!!

**Did you hear the good news?** Two more Counties have passed the resolution against LEAP, towards protecting their constituents' rights and resources: Benton and Warren! We wanted to check in with you and see what questions we can answer, and how to best support Vigo County..

A while back, Terre Haute passed the resolution opposing the LEAP pipeline and IEDC single-location, and self-serving IEDC-TIF district, efforts. That is 58,400 of your constituents saying they are against their rights, resources, and the fallout on their local economy and ecosystem by the water reallocation from dependent communities to one that is not-yet-dependant.

*For 65 years, the Sheets family has farmed the Granville area, responsibly saving up money and buying an irrigator about each decade. They loved the land, served the people, contributed to the economy, and paid their taxes. They started from nothing. Nothing. They did it the right way, the "American Dream" way: chased opportunity, skimped, worked hard. As did the other small family farmers in this area depending on irrigation...All to have the government decide the water would be better used by enticing big-corporations to Lebanon, Indiana.*

*The Sheets family was approached by the IEDC to sell land, from their backyard, for their test wells. They didn't say what it was for initially; they just asked "how much would it take?". The Sheets said no. **We ask that you say "no" too.***

**This is now in your backyard.** The implications of LEAP Lebanon: the precedence of the pipeline, the permanent removal of water from the aquifer, the disproportionate use of your constituents tax dollars - it all affects Vigo County. The IFA is studying your aquifer. Please support Terre Haute, and the other communities and pass the attached resolution (or one similar) at your earliest convenience.

Let us know if you have questions, or would like people in attendance at a meeting to get this done!! We are so very happy to help.

**With great respect and neighborly care.**

Rose & Carly

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING CONSTRUCTION OF A PIPELINE TO DIVERT WATER FROM \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY'S AQUIFER TO LEAP INNOVATION DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) planned the LEAP (Limitless Exploration/ Advanced Pace) Innovation District located on more than 9,000 acres in Boone County, Indiana without ensuring that there were sufficient water resources for the businesses and industries that they wished to recruit there; and

WHEREAS, the IEDC began activities, with a lack of transparency, directed towards constructing a pipeline to transfer tens of millions of gallons a day from aquifers connected to the Wabash River in Tippecanoe County to the LEAP Innovation District; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) was directed by Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb on November 13, 2023 to oversee the completion and validation of a North Central Indiana Water study (to be awarded to a consultant mid-February 2024 and completed by August 2024) being completed for the LEAP project towards constructing multiple pipelines to transfer tens of millions of gallons a day from \_\_\_\_\_ County's aquifer, among a dozen other counties, to the LEAP Innovation District; and

WHEREAS, due to the proposed diversion of such large amounts of water through the pipeline(s), there are negative consequences for residents depending upon these aquifers, for their primary source of water; and

WHEREAS, there are both negative ecological and economic-development consequences;

WHEREAS, Indiana Code Chapter 36-1-3 provides for Home Rule and states "the policy of the state is to grant units all the powers they need for the effective operation of government as to local affairs;" and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the County Commissioners of \_\_\_\_\_ County that the Commissioners express their firm opposition to the construction of any pipeline and the diversion of water from any aquifer to the LEAP Innovation District in Boone County, Indiana.

FURTHER, the County Commissioners of \_\_\_\_\_ County expresses its firm opposition to the Indiana General Assembly's preemption of local government function and encourages those members of the Indiana General Assembly to vote against legislation that results in the preemption of local government functions.

This Resolution shall become effective upon the date of passage.

So resolved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, INDIANA

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