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Dear Mrs. Mayer:

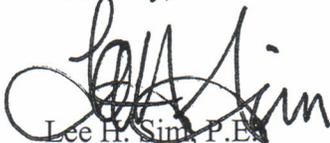
I am writing in response to your phone call yesterday regarding the new groundwater management plan legislation that was put into statute by the 2006 Utah Legislature.

In 2004, the legislature established the Water Issues Task Force to address several issues that were of growing concern to the State Engineer and to others interested in the administration and regulation of water throughout the state. Among the several issues that the legislature assigned to the task force was the need to clarify the State Engineers responsibility and authority in the regulation of the use of groundwater. This issue had been a concern to the State Engineer for several years because of groundwater situations that are developing in many areas of the state and which at some time might require regulation by his office.

It is true that you and your husband Allan sent a certified letter to the State Engineer outlining your concerns about the need for groundwater regulation in your area. However, that letter did not instigate the discussions that were later held by the task force nor the groundwater management plan statute that was passed by the legislature. There was a public meeting held in St. George regarding the groundwater regulation issue, but Mr. Olds informed me that he did not mention your name or your husband's name in any regard during that meeting.

I hope this clears up any questions that you may have concerning this issue. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me by phone at 801-538-7380 or by e-mail at LeeSim@utah.gov.

Sincerely,



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