



*Growing food in our community since 1947*

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Governor Jane Hull  
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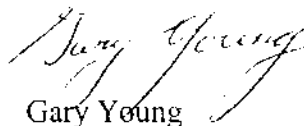
Governor Jane Hull,

The Assured Water Supply Rules have placed our small family farm between the proverbial rock and a hard place. The enclosed "From Farm Land to Houses" explains our dilemma. While adamantly opposed to any attempt to change the formula, the Department of Water Resources suggest the purchase of our farm's developments rights as one way to insure our farm remains a farm forever. We are not opposed to this idea, but do not understand how to go about making it happen. Since every year the State of Arizona **takes** water we could use for an assured water supply, **time** to make a knowledgeable decision is short.

Why are we being pressured by the State to sell and let houses cover our farm? What would **you** do if this were your farm that your family had struggled to build and improve for over half a century? How would you explain this to your children?

I look forward to hearing from **you**.

Sincerely,

  
Gary Young