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Hello,

My name is Chasity Scott and as a citizen of Ward Arkansas I have become more concerned with what the state agencies allow cities, private developers, and State representatives get by with that is harmful to our waters as well as is illegal all in the name of the almighty dollar. Currently in my city we have a state representative the engineers developer projects for private companies and our city. How these developers and engineers have received permits to develop even though our city waste water system has been over capacity for years is beyond my comprehension. This agency is supposed to protect our ground waters yet they have continued to authorize permits for developers in my city knowing they are the same department writing violations on behalf of your agency. Finally we are building a new waste water system but that is not my point. My point is this agency has dropped the ball on the very thing it was tasked with protecting and no one has been held accountable to date. What does it take to get this agency to STOP allowing developers to build and stop giving them permits to attach to old waste systems that are already over capacity? I ask this not for myself but for my community and for the ethics involved in the relaxed efforts to stay within the law when authorizing permits and it seems a bit inappropriate that a state legislator knows this matter yet profits in his private engineer firm on a regular basis every time your agency stamps YES to a permit instead of doing its job and saying NO, you can not build or attach to this waste system until the system is up to code and able to handle the release of effluent waste in local waters without contamination. Currently I have to smell sewer every day and night. We get physically ill from the smell. My daughter is on edge of vomiting from the smell every day. Our choice until the new plant is ready.... we can move. Should we have to... NO. My city and your agency continues to allow developers on this over capacity waste system even though citizens have spoken out at city meetings etc.. we bare the financial costs because so many have been given permits to build and attach to our system that our population is now so big we no longer qualify for grants. Our water and sewage bills are more than our electric bills. Our rates more than doubled within one year and within a few months of the other. When will this department stop allowing developers and state representatives that hide behind their own businesses as engineers and others from doing this to the cities with in our state? Why do we, your agency, allow these clear ethics violations,

Best Regards,

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