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My name is Jim VanderGiessen, and I am the CEO of PRO Refrigeration, Inc., a family-owned refrigeration equipment manufacturer serving agricultural operations in Minnesota like Riverview. I am writing in support of their proposed West River Dairy expansion in Stevens County.

Through our work in the agricultural sector, we depend on a strong and stable livestock industry. Operations like Riverview's create consistent economic activity that supports local jobs, drives investment, and allows businesses like ours to grow and reinvest in our communities.

The proposed expansion represents a meaningful economic benefit to the region. It will generate demand for local vendors, support both construction and long-term employment, and contribute to the vitality of rural communities that rely on agriculture.

From our direct experience, Riverview is a professional and reliable partner that contributes positively to the communities where it operates. Their presence strengthens the local economy and supports a broad network of agricultural and service-related businesses. Riverview is genuinely focused on the future - they have taken some of the biggest steps in their industry toward efficient and environmentally responsible cooling solutions, helping demonstrate to the broader dairy sector what smart, forward-looking investment looks like. We will work directly with multiple local and regional supply and service companies to maintain and support the systems we are providing them.

We are confident that Minnesota's environmental review process is thorough and well-equipped to evaluate projects like this one, and we fully support that process moving forward. Projects of this scale are essential to maintaining a competitive and sustainable rural economy, and continued investment in agriculture ensures that local businesses can provide jobs, services, and economic stability close to home.

I respectfully encourage your support and approval of this important project.

Sincerely,

Jim VanderGiessen, CEO
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