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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
ATTN: Charles Peterson
520 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155

Hello Mr. Peterson,

My name is Brian Miller, recently retired from Merck Animal Health where I worked as a Dairy Technical Services Veterinarian. In this role, I served dairy producers and practice veterinarians primarily in the upper Midwest including the state of Minnesota. I worked as an industry veterinarian for over twenty years. Prior to my industry career, I was in private practice as an owner/partner of Whitewater Veterinary Hospital, Whitewater, WI for more than twenty years.

Over the course of my industry career I have witnessed firsthand the growth of the Riverview operation, and I have personally visited many of their sites that are located in multiple states. Riverview is an extremely responsible operation that provides state of the art facilities, nutrition, and management incorporating protocols that maximize the health and wellbeing of the animals under their care. In addition, they possess high standards of land and manure management and have been good stewards of the land and good neighbors to those around them. I am writing in support of their proposed West River Dairy expansion in Stevens County.

American agriculture sector, and the people it feeds, depend on a strong and stable dairy industry. Operations like Riverview are key to this vital process as they provide milk and meat to countless consumers. They also create consistent economic growth that supports local jobs and drives investment and reinvestment in the communities in which their operations are located.

Their proposed expansion represents a meaningful economic benefit to Stevens County. The expansion will generate demand for local vendors, will support construction and long-term employment, which will contribute to the vitality of this rural community that relies on agriculture.

In closing, from direct experience, Riverview is a professional and reliable partner that contributes positively to the communities where their dairy operations are located. Their presence strengthens local economies and supports a broad network of agricultural and service-related businesses. Projects like this are essential to maintaining a competitive and sustainable rural economy in Minnesota. Continued investment in agriculture ensures local businesses will continue to provide jobs, services, and economic stability within a region.

No Environmental Impact Statement is needed as the state environmental review process is rigorous and very sufficient. I respectfully encourage your support and approval of this important expansion project.

Sincerely,

Brian E. Miller, DVM
Pequot Lakes, MN

