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My name is Kyle Staebler. I am a resident of Swift County, and I farm in Stevens County. I am writing in support of the proposed West River Dairy Expansion.

I grew up on a small neighboring, family dairy farm in Stevens County about four miles from Riverview Dairy. My grandfather milked for forty years and later chose to transition to grain farming. I have seen Riverview's commitment to being a good neighbor to my family, other local farmers, and businesses.

I have worked with Riverview on many occasions at their facilities. Their operations are well kept, organized, and clean; staff consistently conduct themselves with professionalism and an emphasis on safety.

Manure management and water use are highly regulated in Minnesota, and Riverview has demonstrated attentiveness to those regulations and to nutrient management. There are clear benefits to the responsible use of manure on farmland to improve the soil health, organic matter, and reduce erosion to support long-term agricultural sustainability. Riverview is diligent with soil testing and manure application, ensuring they meet or exceed required standards.

Based on the available data, existing regulations, and Riverview's proven track record, I am confident this project can continue to operate responsibly. I believe the current review process is sufficient and that additional regulatory burdens, including an EIS, are unnecessary.

I respectfully encourage the appropriate agencies to approve the West River Dairy Expansion.

Respectfully,

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