

## Nate Hultgren

We write this letter in support of the West River Dairy expansion. Our family farms next to another Riverview dairy (Meadow Star near Pennock, MN) and can sincerely say that our experiences with Riverview have been positive for our family farm.

Applying manure each fall instead of commercial fertilizer has been a documentable soil health improvement. Instead of buying fertilizer from across the globe and incurring all of that shipping cost and environmental impact, we are getting our nutrients from one mile away. We also raise forages--silage and alfalfa. The alfalfa in our rotation has also helped improve soil health and the perennial vegetation fights soil erosion. Raising the silage and selling our dry corn to the dairy, here again, takes truck off the highways where we might have incurred 10-15 miles hauling product to elevators.

Riverview's sites are clean and well-maintained. Their employees, some of whom live on-site and are our neighbors, are respectful, clean and quiet. The dairy makes sure to take care of the roads around the site, and collaborates with us as neighboring farmers to make sure the site is living up to high expectations.

Riverview supports our local communities and has filled an economic development void in an otherwise declining commercial area. Our family has been able to participate in helping with forage production, manure application, and community events.

We stand in full support of the West River Dairy expansion as we know from experience that Riverview will conduct this expansion with no compromises of safety, environmental protection, and attention to detail. The community will benefit from this expansion.

Sincerely,

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