

## Nuss Truck & Equipment (John Sertich)

My name is John Sertich and I am the Regional Manager of Nuss Truck & Equipment who sells and services numerous 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. Nuss Truck & Equipment has valued our relationship with Riverview (and it's related companies) since 2008. During that time we have also grown our footprint in the Western Minnesota agricultural sector along with numerous other construction and trucking companies. We have found that many of these communities and businesses were not being served at the same level as larger metropolitan areas. The growth of responsible businesses like Riverview has also facilitated growth in our employee base who live, serve, volunteer and support the many local businesses in the area.

Projects like this are essential to maintaining a competitive and sustainable rural economy in Minnesota. Continued investment in agriculture ensures that local businesses can continue to provide jobs, services, and economic stability close to home.

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

Sincerely,

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