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To whom it may concern. I grew up in Morris and recently retired as the city manager here. I'm writing in support of the West River Dairy expansion project. I believe that Minnesota has some of the best, if not best regulations in the world when it comes to protecting the environment and our natural resources. I've had the opportunity to work with the state on many projects as a city manager and I've had the opportunity to work with local companies like Riverview as they continued to grow. I'm a grandfather now and have the opportunity to watch grandchildren and as I drive back and forth from Hancock to Morris, I'm amazed at the quality of the operations that are taking place with regards to the farmland. This includes the process of distribution of manure from Riverview Dairy. I worry about our water, land and air resources like everyone else. I believe Riverview Dairy knows and understands the importance too and quite frankly this is their home like it is mine. They are good people and will do the right things and I know and understand that the MPCA, DNR and other state agencies are good at their jobs. Together we will all be better moving forward. I'm here like they are because our ancestors immigrated to this area to begin a new life farming land they were given. Some made it, some didn't. These are the ones that made it and it is because of the way they do business. I did not grow up on a farm but my friends did and I had the chance to work on farms as a young high school kid. I love where I live. I like what Riverview Dairy is doing. Again I'm writing in support of their project. Thank you.