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As a local business owner and community member I am writing in strong support of the proposed West River Dairy Expansion. What must be considered alongside environmental review is the very real and measurable economic and community impact of this dairy farm. For over 30 years, Riverview has contributed to the strength and stability of our local economy in Stevens county. Businesses like this do not operate in isolation. They support local suppliers, create jobs, sustain families, and drive consistent economic activity that allows other small businesses, including my own, to grow and thrive. When agriculture is strong, our entire community benefits. Schools, churches, service providers, and local retailers all feel the ripple effect of a stable, productive agricultural base.

Expansion is a sign of health, stewardship, and long-term investment in our county. It reflects a commitment to doing business here and continuing to provide opportunity for future generations. West River Dairy is a well-managed dairy that has already demonstrated over 20 years of positive presence in both the environment and local economy. I respectfully encourage decision-makers to consider not only the environmental data presented in the EAW, but also the proven track record and the broader community impact this dairy farm has had and will continue to have.

Respectfully,

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