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My name is Nedd Knobloch, and I am the owner/operator/employee of an agriculture company with agricultural operations 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. I believe and support Riverview's core values and beliefs.

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. There are multiple examples of communities that lack economic engines like Riverview and the impacts are detrimental.

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. Riverview's environmental stewardship is far and above than any other I have experienced. I would have no concern with the expansion.

Sincerely,

Nedd Knobloch