

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

ATTN: Charles Peterson

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My name is Dylan Reese, and I am an employee of Riverview, LLP. I am writing in strong support of the proposed West River Dairy expansion in Stevens County — not just as someone who works in this industry, but as someone who grew up in this community and has seen firsthand the difference operations like Riverview make in people's lives.

I was raised in Hancock and have deep roots in this region. Growing up here, I watched agriculture shape nearly every aspect of life — the local economy, the schools, and the neighbors who stayed. It is a community I love, and one I hope to call home again. My goal is to move back to the Morris area and raise a family here, but that dream depends on whether places like this continue to offer the jobs, stability, and investment that make rural life viable.

I am also a proud former recipient of the Riverview, LLP scholarship, which made a profound difference in my college career. In addition to the scholarship, I was very active in 4H in my youth. Through 4H, I both witnessed and personally benefited from Riverview's generous support of the livestock auction and their donations to improve the fairgrounds. Riverview's investment in local students and 4H is a reflection of the kind of company that truly invests in the people and places around them and one that genuinely gives back to the communities where they operate.

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 depend on agriculture to survive and thrive. In addition to the local economic benefits, I along with many other coworkers are active in our rural churches, local charities, and school programs and events. Without an employer like Riverview, that encourages community involvement, I know I personally wouldn't be able to serve those organizations as I likely would not be in this small local community.

Projects like this are essential to maintaining a competitive and sustainable rural economy in Minnesota. For people like me who want to come home, expansions like this one signal that there is a future here worth coming back to. Continued investment in agriculture ensures that local businesses can provide jobs, services, and economic stability close to home — and that the next generation doesn't have to leave to find opportunity.

Based on my experience with this company and this community, I am confident that 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,

Dylan Reese