

# Fredy Flores Avila

My name is Fredy Flores Avila, and I am writing to express my support for the proposed West River Dairy Expansion in Stevens County.

I have worked with Riverview for over 15 years, and my support for this project comes from direct, firsthand experience. I have seen how operations like this function on a daily basis, and I understand the level of care, structure, and oversight involved.

This expansion represents a meaningful opportunity for our local economy. Many families depend on agricultural operations like this for stable employment. It is not only a source of jobs for current workers, but also for neighbors and for the children of local families, who return each year to work. These opportunities help young people gain work experience and support themselves while staying connected to their community.

Riverview is not just a job. It is a way of life for many families in this area. It provides stability, routine, and long-term opportunities that are essential in rural communities where economic options can be limited.

Based on my experience, the animals are treated with dignity, respect, and compassion. They are kept in well-managed, protected, and regulated environments, with consistent attention to their health and well-being. This is something I have personally witnessed over many years.

I also understand that environmental concerns are part of this process. However, modern agricultural operations like this operate under strict regulations and oversight. Expanding an existing facility allows for better use of established infrastructure and management systems, which can be more responsible than building new operations elsewhere.

I encourage decision-makers to carefully consider both the economic importance of this project and the realities of how these operations are managed. Based on my experience, I support moving this project forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,  
Fredy Flores Avila