

# Brett Petersen

My name is Brett Petersen, and I am a Neighbor and farmer of Riverview in Louriston Twp, Chippewa County MN. I am writing in support of the proposed West River Dairy Expansion.

For many years my family has worked with Riverview dairy, Riverview Dairy operates with professionalism, integrity and environmental responsibility. All their dairies are clean, organized and are committed to doing things the right way every time.

As someone that lives and breathes agriculture every day in Minnesota, I recognize the importance of water management and manure management in Minnesota. Riverview has always strived to exceed the states regulations and go above and beyond with all operations. This is accomplished by nutrient management planning, soil testing and proper application rates. I would not work with a company if I did not believe they were not the best at these items in the state of Minnesota.

The use of manure as a fertilizer source has had huge benefits to my farming operation and local operators. This is seen through soil health, crop health and supports long term agricultural sustainability.

Riverview has also been a strong community partner supporting local farmers, creating local jobs, investing in schools and local programs. I know personally Riverview has donated multiple times to local groups and organizations in the Kerkhoven and Murdock areas.

I understand that this project is undergoing environmental review through the state's established process one of the most rigorous in the region. Based on what I can see Riverview has exceeded all environmental standards the state has set for them to meet and believe that no additional regulatory burdens are necessary on Minnesota businesses.

I respectfully encourage the appropriate agencies to approve the West River Dairy Expansion. This project supports local agriculture, strengthens rural communities and reflects responsible approach to environmental stewardship. I believe that an EIS is not necessary.

Sincerely,  
Brett Petersen  
Chippewa County Mn Farmer