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I am writing in support of the West River Dairy Expansion. Having lived in Stevens County for all of my 40 years, I have had the opportunity to work for and with Riverview. I live and farm in between two of the Stevens County dairies, and our farm is able to source manure from these dairies for organic crop production. Having Riverview in my backyard has given myself and my kids opportunities that would likely have otherwise not existed. We are able to be involved in forage harvesting and manure application, both of which allow us to better utilize our equipment for our farm.

For those of us that live here, water use and water quality are of utmost importance. I have confidence in Minnesota's water appropriation and permitting process along with MPCA requirements, that water use and water quality can be managed effectively as this project moves forward. Living less than two miles from one of the dairies, I have seen no negative impacts on my water quality.

Living in rural MN, I expect slight inconveniences at times as farmers go about providing food for all of us, and Riverview's attention to this is impeccable. Riverview does a phenomenal job of maintaining roads, dust control, and reducing odor during field operations.

I believe this project will benefit the area for years to come, that is why I support it.

Thank you.

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