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To whom it may concern,

After reviewing the plans to remove water from Ottertail County for the purpose of transporting it to Fargo, North Dakota area, we feel that this is a very bad idea. Our reasons are the following. Irrigators in our area are already on off-peak hours. There are no provisions for when Ottertail County may have a drought season. When the water table is lowered and wells go dry, there have been no provisions stated as to how this would be taken care of.

Fargo has the Missouri River and Red River to draw from presently. They should be considering drilling additional wells in their own state.

We understand that Fargo is growing by leaps and bounds, but they should have considered this potential problem before allowing such vast expansion.

We would like to be kept informed as to how this matter is addressed.

Sincerely,

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