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Dennis E. Breitzman
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Dear Mr. Breitzman:

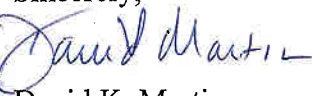
The Chamber of Commerce of Fargo Moorhead is a regional federation of more than 1,800 private, public and non-profit sector firms that collectively employ more than 68,000 people. We have members in 20 Minnesota and 20 North Dakota communities and a mission of unifying and advancing business and community interests in our region.

One of those important interests is water resources. I do plan to attend your public hearing in Fargo regarding the Red River Valley Water Supply Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement but wanted to also send this letter to formally provide our position in favor of the project and Lake Agassiz Water Authority preferred alternative for bringing water east to the Valley.

As you know, the Dakota Water Resources Act (DWRA) of 2000 authorized the Red River Valley Water Supply Project in order to provide a reliable supply of quality drinking water for the Red River Valley. We supported passage of DWRA because we know that adequate, reliable, safe water supplies are important to citizens, businesses and communities anywhere in our country.

We also know that the federal government has an unmet commitment that now exceeds 60 years that included construction of Garrison Dam and the related Garrison Diversion project. The State of North Dakota and North Dakota communities (now including three bordering Minnesota cities as well) still await fulfillment of this federal commitment and completion of this project.

Approval and completion of the Red River Valley Water Supply Project and related GDU Import to the Sheyenne River Alternative will help to fulfill this commitment and will help to ensure an adequate, reliable, safe water supply for our bi-state, metropolitan community and region in the future. We appreciate your agency's consideration of this important issue and request that you select this preferred alternative and recommend its approval by the U.S. Congress.

Sincerely,

David K. Martin
President & CEO

pc: Members of the North Dakota and Minnesota Congressional delegations
Governors John Hoeven (North Dakota) and Tim Pawlenty (Minnesota)
Dave Koland, General Manager, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District
Mayors of Fargo and West Fargo, ND and Moorhead and Dilworth, MN

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