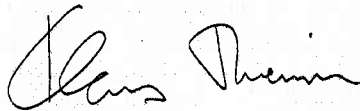


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The availability of adequate water is very important to the economic development future of our region. Because it is such a high priority, we support continued research into all alternatives.

Grand Forks has significant water needs for existing industry. We need to assure their continued supply and the reliable availability to meet future needs in all climatic conditions.



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