

**TESTIMONY**  
**RED RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY PROJECT**

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**I am here tonight to testify in favor of the Red River Valley Water Supply Project. I have lived and farmed in this area most of my life and know first hand how damaging an extended drought could be to Eastern North Dakota. I do not know when the next drought will occur or how long it will last. But I do know that eventually a drought will happen.**

**Nearly ½ of the population of North Dakota lives in the Red River Valley while over ½ of the sales tax collections come from this same area of the state. A drought in Eastern North Dakota would have devastating consequences to North Dakota's economy without a viable supplemental alternative.**

**I am in favor of the Preferred Alternative for the following reasons:**

- 1. It will provide needed water to all the water systems in the project area.**
- 2. It is environmentally sound and provides some positive environmental benefits.**
- 3. It is the least cost Alternative.**

**Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important issue.**