

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 farm near Buffalo, ND and I am the Vice Chairman of Cass Rural Water District.

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.

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