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**Testimony of
Michael Dwyer, Executive Vice President,
North Dakota Water Users Association
Red River Valley Water Supply Public Hearing
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My name is Michael Dwyer, and I serve as the Executive Vice President of the North Dakota Water Users Association. The North Dakota Water Users Association is comprised of nearly 500 local, statewide and regional organizations in North Dakota who have an active interest in water.

We support the Red River Valley Water Supply Project because of its ability to sustain a very important part of our state. It is imperative to our state as a whole to find the best solution to the Valley's future critical water needs. I believe we have found the solution in the state's preferred alternative. This alternative would provide the infrastructure needed for all water systems in the region. It's flexible and positive for the environment. Through this alternative, we can provide the best solution for getting future water to the Red River Valley.

Thank you.

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