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To Whom It May Concern:

We am writing you regarding the proposed diversion/Dam in Cass County. We have lived on the Red River south of Abercrombie for 30 years and have never had any water problems. However, this dam they are proposing has all of us worried for future problems. If water is held back, it will slow all the rivers upstream that flow into the Red River and we will experience higher water elevations for longer periods of time. This will do a lot of damage to our homes, cropland, roads and bridges. Kindred and Richland 44 schools would take a big reduction in their tax base, thus raising the taxes on the remaining few.

Our local taxes would increase due to the loss of revenue in northern Richland County. In addition, for those who choose to shop in Fargo, would pay for flood control with their one of many additional sales taxes.

We do not understand why Fargo thinks they need the CADILLAC plan designed for a 500 yr flood event. It is such overkill. If a 500 yr event happens, none of us will survive it anyway! Our weather pattern will eventually change to drier years, as it already has this Fall. Then, Fargo will be crying for water to fulfill their needs and this billions of dollars project will sit empty. The City of Moorhead has taken it upon themselves to build up their permanent dike system. Whats wrong with Fargo?

We have no problem with them building a diversion since they apparently don't want dikes around their city. But this ridiculous plan to install a dam on the Red River and flood all the communities, residences, and farms upstream because they are greedy and want to preserve future developments in south Fargo. They knew better than to build a new school in a flood prone area and did it anyway.

We are not in favor of funding this proposed diversion/dam project. We are surprised of the number of people out there who have no clue what is actually going on with this proposal, when they actually realize what is happening, it will be too late.

Please do not let this funding be approved. It is not for the good of Richland county or the state of ND. The cost is too great for Fargo's greedy plans.

Thank you

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