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Subject: Letter of Support for the Big Sioux River Diversion Channel Dike Reestablishment Project

Dear Kelli Buscher,

We are writing to express our support for the Big Sioux River Diversion Channel Dike Reestablishment Project in Medary Township. This initiative is vital to safeguarding our community, protecting agricultural lands, and ensuring the long-term resilience of local infrastructure.

The Big Sioux River has historically posed significant flood risks to residents, farmland and transportation routes. Reestablishing the diversion channel dike will provide critical flood mitigation, reduce erosion, and enhance water management in the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Heylens".

John Heylens

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