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To Whom It May Concern:

I am very much in favor of the Estabrook Dam being repaired by Milwaukee County. I do not live on the river, but it is easy to get to from where I live. I have very wonderful memories of canoeing on the " lake" formed above the dam with my children and grandchildren. This middle of the city lake which is formed in the summer and fall when the dam is closed is a beautiful peaceful, tranquil spot that makes you feel that you are in the wilderness when you are really in the heart of a major city. I have canoed down the Milwaukee River with a strong male friend and believe me , that untamed part of the river below the Estabrook dam is not an easy paddle. It is not for sissies. Anyone who was even moderately physically challenged could not canoe the river below the dam. I am getting older now and I still enjoy canoeing but the only time I can do this is when the dam is closed to form the slow moving "lake". As I have experienced both the views from the Milwaukee River above and below the Estabrook Dam, I can tell you I have seen more wildlife and river vegetation/flowers above the dam with it closed that I have when the dam was open. The "lake" is also a more beautiful place to take photographs. This closure has not happened in a while now and I truly miss it. I understand that the dam needs to be open at certain times of the year for safety reasons but I am looking forward to the Estabrook Dam being repaired so that it can be enjoyed by young and old alike.

Sincerely,
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