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As a Milwaukee County resident for almost 30 years, I've had the opportunity to enjoy the Milwaukee River system in various ways: visiting and studying the river with groups of students, photographing the river and its surroundings,

and raising 3 sons who've grown to be expert fly fisherman through 3 seasons of fishing on the river each year.

I am aware of some of the arguments for repairing the Estabrook Dam, but feel the following reasons will support the wiser choice to remove it:

1) Removing the dam will help restore the river to its natural state, providing new habitat for upland wildlife, fish, and birds.

2) A renewed river without the dam will increase recreational activities throughout the entire watershed for many people with a wide variety of interests in and appreciation of the river.

3) Finally, leaving a dam - regardless of its repair - will eventually pose a threat because of the toxic sediment likely to accumulate.

Recently I attended an event sponsored by Southeast Wisconsin Trout Unlimited and was encouraged by the large and enthusiastic number of young people who were in attendance. These are young men and women who are not only passionate about their healthy and respectful use of Wisconsin lakes, rivers,

and streams, but they are future caretakers of our natural resources. If this young group of individuals is supporting the removal of the dam and leading a more widespread charge to renew and protect the precious waterways in this state, ***we need to listen***.

You are in a position to help preserve one of Milwaukee County's water gems. I appreciate your consideration of my stance and the stance of other's who support the removal of the Estabrook Dam.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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