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Dear Kristina,

I am a life-long Milwaukee county resident, until moving to nearby Menomonee Falls, in 2000. I grew up two blocks from the Menomonee River north of Burleigh. I use our rivers to kayak, hike, stroll, photograph and draw inspiration from along it's banks. Downtown, I recreate and socialize next to it. It relaxes me and so many of our residents – human, animal and aquatic. I love our rivers. They shape who I am.

You've heard every argument before about dollar amounts, economic impact, etc. but have you heard this?

There is no good NEED for the Estabrook Dam. For some residents immediately upstream, there is a WANT.

If one looks at our long history with our rivers, one sees mostly abuse that has degraded our rivers throughout the time that humans have industrialized our city. The dam is a very unnatural, unattractive continuance of that legacy of abuse and degradation of our rivers.

The river WANTS to be a natural corridor and NEEDS to run cleaner. Nobody likes a yukky river. Nobody.

Where the rivers have no suggestion of the influence of our human residents, it is best. Please remove the dam and release the river to a more natural way of being.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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