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Secretary, Canadian Section
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Dear Commissioners,

I would like to take this time to thank you for your attendance at the IJC meeting held in Havre, MT last month. As a representative of the City of Havre it was very important that this meeting was held. I was not able to make comment at the meeting which is the reason for this letter.

The City of Havre as you know receives its water supply from the Milk River. The Milk River is our primary source of water for not only the residents of Havre (Population 10,000) but also for the county residents of Hill County. The city has three wells that can be used for back up in case of an emergency as required by the State Department of Environmental Quality. One of the wells can only be used in a case of extreme emergency because of the high nitrates. Notification to water users in some cases may be required for use of the wells.

The City of Havre just recently completed and upgrade to the water treatment facility at a cost of \$9 million. One reason for the work was to increase the capacity of the plant because of the inability to use well water which supplemented our water system during the high use summer months. It was also upgraded to improve the quality of the water treatment process. This has become a problem during the drought years that we have been experiencing with the low flows of the Milk River. Even with the new facility the city does experience a less desirable water quality and high costs for treatment of the water.

The city's options are very limited to access of good reliable water sources to maintain its current status to supply quality water to the commercial and residential customers of Havre and Hill County. As you know every community tries to grow and develop new business opportunities. Without a reliable water resource that makes for a very difficult process to attract new businesses.

The Milk River water is also a source of water for many communities to the east and west of Havre who also need quality water sources to not only maintain their current status but also help their communities grow. In these hard times of drought and the low flows received in the Milk River you are starting to see many of these communities slowly diminish.

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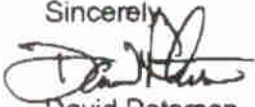
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These are reasons why the City of Havre would like the commission to review the order and the process of the treaty and make sure that we are all receiving our equal share to the Milk River and St. Mary River waters.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Peterson", written over a light gray rectangular background.

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