

Dear Mr. Stravers:

Thank you for participating in the Mississippi River Commission public meeting held in La Crosse, Wisconsin, on August 13, 2001.

We appreciate your statements concerning the unique qualities of the upper Mississippi River system. We agree wholeheartedly that all aspects of the river, including commercial, recreational, and environmental uses, are important. Our goal is to seek synergy as we pursue these various aspects through open dialogue and a collaborative effort with stakeholders, other interested groups or agencies, and the public.

Your interest in the Mississippi River and the work of the Commission is commendable. We look forward to working with you as we continue to address the complex economic, environmental, and recreational uses of the upper Mississippi River.

Sincerely,

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President Designee,  
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