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Right Hon. Prime Minister of Canada  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Prime Minister Harper,

Canada suffered a political, ecological and economic set back in 2005, when North Dakota opened the Devils Lake water diversion outlet, potentially releasing harmful biota and pollutants into the Red River. The Red River Valley Water Supply Project currently under consideration in North Dakota could have even more devastating consequences for Canada. This project plans for the inter-basin transfer of water from the Missouri River Basin to the Hudson Bay Basin via the Red River, threatening the health of Canada's waterways and their associated industries. Article IV of the Boundary Waters Treaty states that "waters flowing across the boundary shall not be polluted on either side to the injury of health or property of the other".

I call on the Government of Canada to take action on the following points:

- Insist on comprehensive mitigation measures for the Devils Lake outlet under the "polluter pays" principle before more water flows.
- Reiterate its position to the US that the risk of biota transfer must be eliminated and proven to the satisfaction of the Governments of Canada and the United States.
- Reference the Red River Valley Water Supply Project for review to the International Joint Commission immediately and urge the US to do likewise.

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