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Dear Laurie Streich, Ian Gillies, Terry Johnson and Jay Doering,

My name is Carlos Jovel and I am a resident of Anola, Manitoba. I am writing to the Clean Environment Commission to clearly express my **opposition** to the proposed Silica Sand Extraction Project in Southeastern Manitoba.

I graduated from the University of Winnipeg in 2014, where I studied Physical Geography and Biology. I furthered my studies at Red River College, graduated with honours in 2016, and received an Advanced Diploma in Geographic Information Systems. I currently work in the field of Asset Management, as a GIS Technologist.

My wife, Justine Hudson B.Sc., M.Sc., is an Aquatic Science Biologist. We both have extensive experience reviewing technical documents, and we each have a strong understanding of a broad variety of scientific disciplines.

Over the last 2 weeks, my wife and I have attended multiple public hearings and spent multiple hours reviewing all the presentations, transcripts and written submissions available on the Manitoba CEC website.

We are very concerned about the potential contamination of our aquifer, and we have not been provided any assurances that our aquifer will be protected.

I believe that E. Pip, B.Sc. (Hons.), Ph.D. has provided the most detailed and exhaustive documentation. As a former student of Dr. Eva Pip - I trust her professional expertise and personal opinions regarding this project, wholeheartedly.

I must also agree with her sentiments and protest that are provided as an Addendum, regarding the review of late draft documents.

The extraction methods that are proposed have not been tested sufficiently and are unproven. The proponents of this project have not provided sufficient assurances and this project poses a serious threat to the only source of water for thousands of Manitobans.

I implore you to deny this proposal for the sequential installation, operation and decommissioning of silica sand extraction wells to remove water and silica sand from groundwater at various locations on private land within the RM of Springfield.

The RM of Springfield is my home, and my family and I love this land very deeply.

Thank you,
Carlos A. Jovel