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I believe that the water industry plays an important role in our daily lives. Clean water is important for the health and survival of people, plants, and animals. Water is an important element needed to keep our bodies, pets, and livestock healthy and able to function and perform their daily activities. Water also plays an important part in keeping our homes, clothing, businesses, and environment clean and helps to prevent the spread of germs and disease that can make us sick.

We rely on the water industry in our community to provide the safe, clean water that is needed to drink and perform daily activities. Water is also important to our food supply because it is used to produce the food that we eat. Farmers use irrigation to water crops during dry periods to help improve crop production and yields. Water is also needed to keep animals healthy and productive to provide the meat that we eat as well. Locally, without a reliable clean water source, Dakota Growers Pasta would not be able to produce pasta to feed the world. The pasta plant is the largest employer in Carrington, helping drive our local economy.

The water industry in our community and state plays an important role in providing jobs. The Garrison Diversion Project to provide water from the Missouri River to the eastern parts of North Dakota has brought people into our community and created jobs to make sure the people along the pipeline have a reliable alternate source of clean water in the event of severe drought. These people and jobs that were created have a huge economic impact on our community.

Luckily, my city treats water from our local aquifer rather than an alternate source or buying from another producer. Treating our own water provides a couple local guys with jobs. The water produced is reliable, clean, safe and tasty, how fortunate for our residents. The businesses of our community can count on city employees to provide the water that we rely on for our health and well being as well and provide reliable service to businesses and residents in our community as it is needed for drinking, cleaning, or providing food for our community and the world.

In summary, the water industry is extremely important as it impacts so many areas of our daily life, health, recreation, and economy. Having a reliable, clean and safely accessible water source is a privilege we should not take for granted.