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International Joint Commission
Secretary, United States Section
1250 23rd St. N.W. Suite 100
Washington, DC 20440

Dear Sirs:

We are concerned with the IJC 1921 Order for the Division of water between the United States and Canada and we would be receiving less water than we are entitled to. Due to this 1921 Order, the years of drought, and Canada's increased use of the water has created extreme hardship on the irrigators. The decreased water supply, with less water allotted for irrigation and for raising crops has limited their ability to fund our system.

We are also working on upgrading our system and need our fair share of water to be able to afford these improvements and raise our crops.

Please review the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty and the 1921 Order that implements Article VI of the Treaty allowing an unfair division of the waters from the St. Mary and Milk Rivers and contributes to the shortages.

Sincerely yours,

DODSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT

President