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Mr Jiminez,

I am writing to you this morning in support of the expansion of skiable terrain at Lutsen Mountains. I believe that the benefits outweigh the risks of expansion and that the environmental impact has been carefully studied and with diligent execution can be minimized.

Skiing is an amazing sport that you can do from age 3 into your 70s/80s if you are lucky enough. It gets our youth away from screens and into the outdoors. It offers families an opportunity to escape the stress of daily life and breaks up the long winter months.

I know this is not an easy decision and that there are many different viewpoints. I thought some input from a dad with young kids, lifelong skier and environmentally conscientious person may be of some value. Lutsen is already the crown jewel of ski areas in the MidWest and this expansion would ensure that for generations to come. Thank you for your time.

Steve Biorn