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## Letter from Representative Burdick to J. S. Birdsall Regarding Opposition to Dam on the Cannonball River, April 19, 1949

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*United States House of Representatives*

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April 19, 1949.

Mr. J. S. Birdsall, President,  
First State Bank,  
New Leipzig, North Dakota.

Dear Mr. Birdsall:

I am in receipt of a copy of your letter to the Honorable William Lenke opposing the construction of the dam on the Cannonball River.

Certainly if the people of your community do not want this dam built and do not believe it will have any value, I will support your position before the committee and when the matter comes on the floor of the House. I agree with you that in taking land for the dams now under construction in North Dakota, federal agencies are not paying what land is worth at the present time.

I appreciate your calling this matter to my attention.

Yours very truly,

Usher L. Burdick, m.c.