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Dear Students:

I have heard from the principal of your school that you are interested in the events which occurred on the Highway 5/ North Fork River **B**ridge. When I was a small boy growing up in Saline County science fascinated me. However, I chose to study law when I entered college.

I am eager to support you in your efforts to find a solution to the problems at North Fork, so I have provided a small sample of the spill for you to test. If you discover a cost-saving way to keep the ecosystem at North Fork from deteriorating, I would be most anxious to hear from you.

Please tell your family to remember me when they go to vote next fall.

Sincerely,

Commissioner John Thurston

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