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The Honorable Ryan M. Taylor  
State Director  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Rural Development  
PO Box 1737  
Bismarck, ND 58502

## Re: NDAREC Application to Rural Cooperative Development Grant Program

Dear Director Taylor,

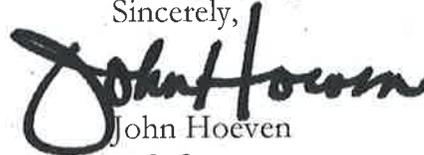
I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC) to the Rural Cooperative Development Grant program, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development. I appreciate your time and attention.

We have worked hard in North Dakota to diversify and grow our economy, providing our residents with good-paying jobs and greater prosperity. By making the right investments, we can sustain that growth and continue helping our communities to keep pace with the modern, global economy.

To this end, our electric and telecommunication cooperatives have played a valuable role in our rural, hard-to-serve areas. These organizations provide services, in both traditional as well as new, innovative ways, that have proven vital to economic activity and growth. NDAREC supports the important work of our cooperatives through its cooperative development center, where it provides training, professional development, and other services. Through its application to the USDA, NDAREC is seeking to support, enhance, and extend these services. Such an effort holds the promise of further improving the economic conditions of our rural communities and maintaining our high quality of life.

Accordingly, I hope this application receives the full and fair consideration it deserves. Again, thank you for your time. Please keep me informed of the review process, and feel free to contact my office with any updates or inquiries you may have.

Sincerely,



John Hoeven  
U.S. Senator

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