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Mr. John Harju  
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Subject: Letter of Support for EERC Proposal

Dear John:

I am writing to express my support for the Energy & Environmental Research Center's (EERC) effort to secure funding from the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Fossil Energy to generate critical economic detail regarding the development and implementation of post-combustion carbon capture technology.

As you know, as the Governor of North Dakota, I worked to implement a regulatory framework that provides certainty and encourages innovation to produce more energy with enhanced environmental stewardship. Now, in the United States Senate, I am continuing those efforts, using our experience in North Dakota as an example of how the power of human and technological innovation can simultaneously grow our domestic energy supplies while reducing our environmental footprint. In my role as a member of both the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee as well as the Subcommittee on Energy & Water Appropriations, I continue to be a strong advocate of a robust energy research and development portfolio that complements this strategy. I applaud the EERC for bringing forward this collaborative approach in response to this promising U.S. DOE solicitation.

The EERC and North Dakota are at the forefront of energy development and production. Our state continues to investigate and implement long-term strategies that incorporate all energy resources – both traditional and emerging – to meet the nation's growing energy demand in an environmentally responsible manner. Our nation continues to provide global leadership in technology that unlocks energy resources, which can improve the lives of a growing global population. The project proposed by the EERC team will provide a detailed cost estimate for installing post-combustion carbon capture in North Dakota, and facilitate informed, economically grounded decisions on carbon management, which can have domestic and global benefits.

Again, I would like to express my support for the EERC's effort to secure funding from the DOE's Office of Fossil Energy. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



John Hoeven  
U.S. Senator