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Subject: Proposed Heartland Hydrogen Hub (DE-FOA-0002779)

Dear Mr. Gorecki:

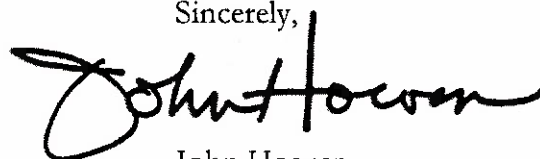
I write to express my support for the application submitted by the Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC) on behalf of Heartland Hydrogen Hub (HH₂H) LLC to the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs (H₂Hubs) program.

During my time as Governor of North Dakota, we worked to establish a pro-growth business climate that empowers the development of all of our abundant energy resources, both traditional and emerging, to meet the nation's growing energy demand. This includes efforts to demonstrate hydrogen technologies through the National Center for Hydrogen Technology at the EERC. As a result, North Dakota is a global powerhouse, both producing the affordable and reliable energy we need and leading the way in advancing new, innovative technologies, like carbon capture, utilization and storage. Now in the U.S. Senate, I continue to support policies that will help keep our state at the forefront of energy research and development.

The EERC has played a central role in these efforts, and their partnership with HH₂H LLC aligns with their history of leadership in this field. Under this proposal, the project partners seek to develop a regional hydrogen energy ecosystem that will be economically viable in the short-term and promote interconnectivity among hydrogen projects across the country. Doing so would help meet existing hydrogen demand while supporting growth in emerging markets, such as blending in natural gas, hydrogen-powered gas turbines, and fuel cell-powered vehicles and stationary power plants.

Accordingly, I hope this application receives DOE's full and fair consideration. Thank you for your continued work. Please feel free to contact my office should you need any further assistance.

Sincerely,



John Hoeven
U.S. Senator