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Subject: Support for EERC Proposal to U.S. Department of Energy funding opportunity announcement, "Enabling a Reduced Carbon Footprint for Carbon Dioxide Enhanced Oil Recovery/Storage Field Test Sites in Unconventional Reservoirs" (DE-FOA-0003015)

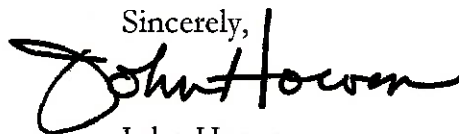
Dear Mr. Gorecki:

I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by the Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC) to the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management to advance enhanced oil recovery (EOR) and carbon dioxide (CO₂) storage in unconventional oil reservoirs of the Bakken Formation.

During my tenure as governor of North Dakota, we worked to crack the code of the shale revolution and spur the development of the Bakken play. As a member of the U.S. Senate, we have further strengthened North Dakota's leadership in support of our nation's energy security, while advancing new, innovative technologies to improve environmental stewardship. A critical element in these efforts is the continued development of carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS). To this end, I have worked to enhance the 45Q tax credit for CCUS, as well as support federal policy and assistance to help make CCUS projects commercially-viable.

As a result, North Dakota is leading the way to development of carbon capture technology, as well as long-term sequestration of CO₂ emissions. EOR in the Bakken Formation is the next step to maximize our state's geology for continued energy production and meaningful emissions reduction. Award of this proposal will help the EERC accelerate this next phase of Bakken development and crack the code on CCUS.

Accordingly, I hope this application receives favorable consideration. Thank you for your efforts in this important matter. Please keep me informed of the review process, and feel free to contact my office should you need any further assistance.

Sincerely,

John Hoeven
U.S. Senator