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Ms. Carrie Bock, E.EOP/WHO
Special Assistant to the President
Associate Director of Presidential Personnel
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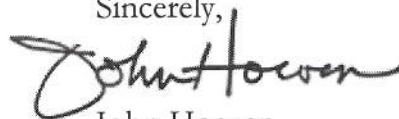
Dear Ms. Bock:

I am writing to recommend Mr. Lance Yohe of Fargo, North Dakota, for appointment as a Commissioner to the International Joint Commission (IJC) - U.S. Section. I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

As detailed in his application, Lance brings extensive experience with IJC-funded projects and sub-boards, which makes him well-qualified for this post. His three decades of service through organizations like the Red River Basin Commission, not to mention his ongoing consultations on cross-border issues, have given him valuable perspective on U.S.-Canada relations. His work is especially relevant to western states, whose concerns might not otherwise be represented on the IJC. For North Dakota, these issues include water supply projects, vital to the growth and well-being of our communities, and water management practices, which contribute to flooding in the across state.

Considering the significance of these matters, I believe it is imperative that a western representative be included on the IJC. Lance Yohe has demonstrated his passion and commitment to the work that falls under the IJC's responsibilities, he brings a distinguished and relevant career, and his record shows that he would serve both governments fairly and objectively. Accordingly, I urge you to give his application the full and fair consideration it is due. Thank you for your time and attention. Please keep me informed on the progress of this decision, and feel free to contact my State Director, Jessica Lee, with any updates or inquiries. She may be reached by phone at 701-239-5114 or by e-mail at jessica_lee@hoeven.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



John Hoeven
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