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Mr. Dan Mahli  
Community Development Administrator  
City of Fargo  
200 3rd St N  
Fargo, ND 58102

Dear Mr. Mahli:

I am writing to express my interest in the application submitted by the City of Fargo to the Georgetown University Energy Prize competition. I appreciate your time and attention.

As you well know, North Dakota is enjoying a period of unprecedented economic growth across the state and in multiple industries. This is because we worked hard to build a business climate that encourages investment and innovation. In fact, North Dakota has been ranked first in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) job growth for the third consecutive year by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and tech jobs in North Dakota have grown at twice the national average since 2002.

The impacts of our efforts can be seen clearly in Fargo and the Red River Valley, which are home to a booming technology industry and serve as a hub of cutting-edge innovation and world-class research. It is fitting and timely that the City of Fargo would apply to Georgetown's competition, leveraging its many resources to engage the community, form strategic partnerships, and improve energy efficiency. This project holds the promise of teaching important lessons and highlighting practices that can be applied across our nation, helping to reduce the cost of energy for all of our communities and businesses and having a tremendous impact on our future economic growth.

Accordingly, I hope that Fargo's 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 me with any updates or inquiries you may have.

Sincerely,



John Hoeven  
U.S. Senator