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Terry Crosby
Acting Chief
Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6149-S
Washington, DC 20250-0002

Dear Chief Crosby:

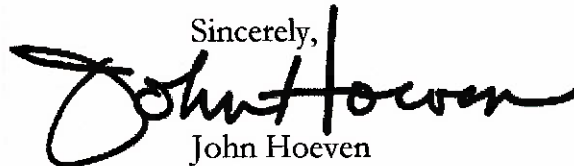
I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by the Little Missouri Grazing Association to the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). Thank you for your consideration.

Maintaining the mixed use of federal land is vitally important, especially in western states like North Dakota. This carries real impacts for local economies, including our ranchers, who have long been good stewards of this land and depend upon it for their livelihoods.

In order to continue meeting the dual goals of rancher access and environmental stewardship, the Little Missouri Grazing Association has applied for this RCPP grant, which will be combined with matching funds and used to improve infrastructure within the Deep Creek watershed. This investment will enable local ranchers to implement strategies that will reduce grazing pressure on the land. At the same time, the association will plant native trees and shrubs in key areas throughout the watershed and return a portion of the acres to native grasses. These efforts will help ensure the long-term health of the pastures, while empowering ranchers to continue providing the high-quality food that our nation relies on every single day.

Accordingly, I hope this application receives your favorable consideration. Thank you, again, for your time and attention to this important matter. Please keep me informed of the review process, and feel free to contact my office should you have any updates or inquiries.

Sincerely,



John Hoeven
U.S. Senator

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