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The Honorable Dan Brouillette
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Brouillette:

I write to express my strong support for the Energy & Environmental Research Center's (EERC) effort to secure funding from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to complete site characterization and permitting for the geologic storage of CO₂ captured as part of Project Tundra, an emerging commercial-scale CO₂ storage project in central North Dakota. Thank you for your consideration.

North Dakota is a leader in unlocking energy resources that can improve the lives of a growing global population. The project proposed by the EERC will facilitate informed, economically grounded decisions on carbon management, which can have domestic and global benefits.

Developing carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) technologies is essential for the future of both energy producers and consumers. CCUS enhances access to reliable sources of energy while also reducing emissions, and is essential to meeting the nation's growing energy demand in an environmentally responsible manner. The EERC's proposal will advance U.S. leadership in CCUS technology, which will further strengthen our energy security at home, and additionally create export opportunities to help meet growing energy demands around the world.

I appreciate the Department of Energy's focus on promoting the development of innovative technologies that continue to harness our abundant domestic energy resources while improving environmental stewardship. Consistent with this shared goal, it is my hope that you will give your strong consideration to the EERC's proposal. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



John Hoeven
U.S. Senator

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