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North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

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Senator Bob Stenehjem
ND State Senate
Bismarck ND 58505

Senator David O'Connell
ND State Senate
Bismarck ND 58505

Representative Alan Carlson
ND House of Representatives
Bismarck ND 58505

Representative Merl Boucher
ND House of Representatives
Bismarck ND 58505

Re: State Energy Program

Dear Senators and Representatives:

I am attaching the relevant provisions of the recently passed American Recovery and Renewal Act of 2009 (H.R. 1)(ARRA). As a condition of receiving our State's share of \$3.1 billion in State Energy Program (SEP) funds, our State must demonstrate that we are taking certain actions to begin upgrading building energy codes and develop a plan for compliance. I encourage you to take appropriate steps consistent with this Federal statute. I have also requested our State Manager of the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy to work with the appropriate State and local code officials to develop implementation plans.

As a State we are committed to a robust energy efficiency program. This is especially important for buildings that will be part of our housing stock for decades to come.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Hoeven".

John Hoeven
Governor

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