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November 30, 2009

Senator Ben Nelson  
720 Hart  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Proposed Wind Energy Training Center at Western Nebraska Community College

Dear Senator Nelson:

I am requesting your support for the creation of a Wind Energy Training Center in Sidney, Nebraska, for the purpose of educating and training students in wind energy technology at Western Nebraska Community College (WNCC).

As you know, Western Nebraska is one of the better areas designated for wind energy potential in the United States. In the past six months, two large wind energy development companies have been leasing land in Banner County for potential development of up to 1,500 wind turbines.

I feel the training center would be very beneficial to providing a workforce for these and other wind farm developments.

Federal assistance is critical to the establishing of the Wind Energy Training Center at WNCC in Sidney. Your support and consideration of this project is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald F. Roth".

Donald F. Roth  
Executive Vice President

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