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Senator Ben Nelson
720 Hart
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Western Nebraska Community College Wind Energy Training Center

Dear Senator Nelson:

As both a long-time supporter of Western Nebraska Community College and its mission and as a citizen concerned about economic development in the Nebraska panhandle, I am writing to request your consideration of federal funding options for the creation of a Wind Energy Training Center at Western Nebraska Community College's Sidney campus.

As you are aware, the Nebraska panhandle has excellent wind energy potential. Employers such as Vestas, Nebraska Public Power and Suzlan have jobs for qualified wind energy technicians. A Wind Energy Training Center at Western Nebraska Community College would offer training and job opportunities for Nebraskans.

This is a great opportunity for Western Nebraska and now is the time to pursue it. Thank you for whatever efforts you can put forth to make a Wind Energy Training Center at Western Nebraska Community College a reality.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "H. P. Olsen, Jr.", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Howard P. Olsen, Jr., President