

**Dr. Eileen E. Ely**

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Dr. Dr. Ely:

I am a long time supporter of Community Colleges and their mission. And, as a citizen, I am concerned about economic development in Nebraska and the Nebraska panhandle. I am writing in **support of** federal funding options for the creation of a Wind (and all green technology) Energy Training Center at Western Nebraska Community College's Sidney campus.

Nebraska has excellent wind, solar, and other alternative fuels potential. In addition, the need to improve the environment with all the various green technology, is a necessity. **The American Wind Energy Association, recently announced that there are 13,500 open positions for wind technicians; however, there are limited qualified individuals for these positions.** A Wind (and other alternative) 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. I am thanking you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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