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The Honorable John Barrasso
U.S. Senate
307 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
U.S. Senate
530 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for Utilizing Significant Emissions with Innovative Technologies (USEIT) Act

Dear Senators Barrasso and Whitehouse:

On behalf of North Dakota's electric cooperatives, I write to express our organization's support for the Utilizing Significant Emissions with Innovative Technologies (USEIT) Act. Our organization is comprised of 21 electric generation, transmission and distribution cooperatives that have invested billions in electrical infrastructure and proudly provide electrical service to hundreds of thousands of people.

Our cooperatives have long been on the forefront of innovation and technology, which is essential in providing affordable and reliable power to the member-owners they serve, maintaining a diverse energy portfolio made up of both renewable and baseload energy resources. Within our membership, our generation cooperatives are pursuing important carbon capture and storage projects that will enhance existing assets and more efficiently utilize fuel resources.

The support, research, technical and financial assistance that this legislation intends to channel will help to encourage further development and investment into carbon capture, utilization facilities and carbon dioxide pipelines, which will allow electric cooperatives to continue to invest in a diverse energy portfolio and benefit from utilization of North Dakota's 800-year supply of coal.

On behalf of North Dakota's electric cooperatives, thank you for putting forward innovative viable solutions. The USEIT Act is key legislation that, if passed, will contribute to a more reliable, resilient and secure energy future for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Josh Kramer

Executive Vice President & General Manager

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