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Dear Mr. Price:

The Wisconsin Office of Energy Independence is pleased to support of the City of Madison's Midwest BioLink Commercialization and Business Center (BioLink) application to the EDA Supplemental Appropriations Disaster Relief Program.

The BioAg Gateway Campus and the proposed BioLink facility represent an excellent technology transfer opportunity that brings public awareness of biotechnology and agriculture industries together to create a stronger workforce and economy in Wisconsin. In addition, this project prioritizes green jobs through coordination of industries that until recently have had very little interaction. Integrating agriculture, biotechnology, food science and sustainability will increase Wisconsin's competitiveness and advance bio-agriculture business development throughout the Midwest.

Governor Doyle issued **Executive Order 192** creating the Office of Energy Independence (OEI) to lead the state's effort to advance clean energy and bioproducts. This was the beginning of an effort to become the nation's leader in the drive toward energy independence, moving us away from our addiction on foreign oil.

We believe our support for this BioAg Gateway Campus and targeted BioLink facility will support the Office of Energy Independence's efforts in capturing 10% of the emerging bioindustry and renewable energy market by 2030, and leading the nation in groundbreaking research that will create good paying Wisconsin jobs.

We thank you for your consideration of this proposal, and look forward to our continued relationship with Madison's BioAg Gateway Campus and BioLink facility.

Sincerely,

Judy Ziewacz
Executive Director

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