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Chris Anderson  
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RE: Midwest Consortium for Climate Assessment proposal

Dear Dr. Anderson:

I am writing in support of the "Midwest Consortium for Climate Assessment" (MiCCA) proposal being submitted to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments (RISA) program. Issues surrounding future drought and climatic variability are critical to the well-being of the economy and natural resources in the Midwest and pose significant challenges to both rural and urban interests.

Funding support for the MiCCA proposal will provide an opportunity to integrate the scientific and technical understanding of regional climate projections to enhance the decision making capabilities for agricultural producers, water/land management planners and during pre/post-disaster response. By participating with the MiCCA scientific team through the proposed working groups, I believe this program will connect improved data and climatic forecasting capabilities with specific, proactive decisions to assist with drought risk reduction, flood response and estimation of potential losses and gains for various economic sectors.

Missouri has a history of working closely with the National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC) and is actively engaged in drought-related initiatives such as those being organized by the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) led by NOAA. In addition, Missouri has recently enhanced both its hydrological and climatic monitoring and data collection capabilities as a direct result of the most recent drought period. These existing relationships and focus on enhanced resource monitoring serve to illustrate Missouri's concern for proactive risk management and development of mitigation strategies to address future drought and climatic variability.

I am pleased to provide this letter of support and look forward to this partnering opportunity. Please contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael D. Wells".

Michael D. Wells

Deputy Department Director and Chief of Water Resources



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