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Dr. Christopher J. Anderson
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Dear Dr. Anderson:

The Linn County Board of Supervisors is pleased to express its support for the proposal to create a Midwest Consortium for Climate Assessment (MiCCA).

The floods of 2008 devastated much of Linn County, resulting in total damages for the county as a whole of approximately \$5.7 billion. Needless to say, with that level of devastation the area remains in recovery more than two years later. One benefit that has emerged from this tragedy is the political will to pursue a Cedar River Management Authority that will have as its goal to address storm water regulation, management and leadership.

The activities of the Midwest Consortium for Climate Assessment (MiCCA) fit well with the goals of Linn County and a possible future Cedar River Management Authority. We in county government ask daily whether our citizens are prepared for future floods, and in our own preparations we obviously have great interest in learning what future rainfall and other climate circumstances might look like. We believe MiCCA will provide climate information in an efficient and accessible manner for planners and decision-makers in Linn County. We are also encouraged by the inclusion of the Iowa Flood Center, which has the expertise to translate climate information into detailed floodplain maps, as part of the MiCCA team.

Linn County looks forward to supporting the efforts of MiCCA and being active participants in stakeholder meetings, and to the opportunity to shape climate information resources to meet our planning needs.

Sincerely,


Linda Langston
Chair
Linn County Board of Supervisors

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