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RE: Letter of support for Midwest Consortium for Climate Assessment proposal

Dear Dr. Anderson

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the proposed Midwest Consortium for Climate Assessment.

The integration of climate information into decision-making tools useful to the livestock sector of agriculture has the potential to help mitigate forage/livestock production risks. Livestock production in the Midwest is largely based on forage and pasture resources, and these resources are often impacted by adverse growing conditions. In a state like Missouri, where over half of the value of all agriculture production is attributed to livestock, the effects of adverse growing conditions on livestock production can be devastating. I believe that your proposal will help with development and implementation of decision-making tools useful for forage/livestock and row crop sectors of agriculture.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D.K. Davis".

David K. Davis  
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