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Dr. Christopher J. Anderson  
Assistant Research Professor  
Assistant Director, ISU Climate Science Program

Dear Dr. Anderson:

We are pleased to urge support for the Midwest Consortium for Climate Assessment. Iowa DNR Flood Plain Management program is dedicated in its efforts to protect life and property in Iowa's waterways. To this end, Iowa DNR recently lead an extensive LiDAR mapping initiative in which the topography of the entire state will be known with precision of two feet.

Outreach and education are critical components of our activities. Iowa DNR recently participated in a series of outreach seminars that discussed expected future changes in flood frequency and what steps are being taken to prepare our communities ("Anatomy of a Flood: Preparing for the Future"). The activities of MiCCA will provide us with another forum to reach out to Iowa's citizens.

Further, we are excited by the proposed collaborative effort with the Iowa Flood Center. We believe this collaboration has potential to deliver new and relevant information to Iowa communities to aid them in identifying future risk of and vulnerability to floods.

We are encouraged by the inclusion of data users from the outset of this program. We look forward to participating in these workshops.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Boddy", written in a cursive style.

Patricia L. Boddy  
Interim Director