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Dr. Christopher J. Anderson  
Assistant Research Professor  
Asistant Director, Bioeconomy Institute Climate Science Program

Dear Christopher:

The proposal for a Midwest Consortium for Climate Assessment is exciting news. Iowa has been hit yet again in 2010 with another historic flood. We welcome the effort of this project to expand awareness and develop climate information in a more usable and useful format.

My activities in the state legislature have established policies that guide floodplain development and community planning. The legislature has recently created the Water Resources Coordinating Council and has passed smart planning legislation that includes recommendation for giving broader consideration of hazard mitigation within local plans. Personally, I have participated in a citizen outreach campaign entitled "Anatomy of Iowa Floods: Preparing for the Future".

MiCCA's proposal to involve data users in the development climate change information and projections on a scale that benefits those creating policy and conducting planning activities at various levels of government is very welcomed. It will address a major concern of my constituents and provide information needed to make effective and efficient policies. We look forward to being able to use MiCCA information in public outreach activities. I look forward to being involved with MiCCA-sponsored meetings and activities planned for NW Iowa.

Sincerely,

SIGNED ELECTRONICALLY

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