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Dr. Christopher Anderson 2021 Agronomy Iowa State University Ames, IA 50011

Dear Dr. Anderson:

The Iowa Water Center (IWC) strongly supports your efforts in developing the Midwest Consortium for Climate Assessment. Issues related, especially with precipitation, have very strong water quality and quantity implications and will be major drivers in policy development locally, regionally, and nationally.

The IWC would be delighted to serve as a venue for outreach. This Center has multiple means by which it reaches stakeholders. The various outreach activities of the Center could both serve your goals well and your input to these outreach activities could serve the goals of the IWC equally as well. Of special fit would be the annual Iowa Water Conference. I envision having a special section within the conference across multiple years that would address the issues you raise for this project. We currently have nine partner groups with the conference including the Iowa Flood Center, Iowa Flood Plains Association, and the Iowa Storm Waters Educational Program. Additionally, we prepare fact sheets and other publications for the people of Iowa. We can reach many key players through our links with water stakeholders of this region.

Thanks much for your efforts in attempting to make such a project reality. If I can assist further, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Cruse, Director

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