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Mr. Matt Anderson  
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**RE: Improve the Utilization of Natural Gas Development in the Pinedale Anticline**

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I am writing to express North Carolina Farm Bureau's support for conducting limited year-round drilling in concentrated areas to better utilize existing natural gas drilling and development operations in Wyoming's Pinedale Anticline Project Area. The federal government must allow for the thoughtful and appropriate use of our nation's natural energy resources in order to reduce our reliance on foreign energy imports.

North Carolina's farm families and agribusinesses are struggling with rising energy prices, tighter supplies and increased dependence on imports from politically unstable areas. Government estimates conclude that the Pinedale Anticline has enough natural gas to supply ten million homes annually for more than 30 years, making it the third largest gas field in the United States.

With today's technology, this enhanced development can be conducted in an environmentally responsible manner. Under the Proposed Action, 92% of the Anticline will be left undisturbed by natural gas development. There is a great need to develop this world-class clean burning energy resource in a way that reduces environmental impacts and increases socio-economic benefits for the community.

The Proposed Action will balance resources and benefit the community around the Pinedale Anticline through its voluntary commitment to reduce air emissions, support of ongoing wildlife research and focus on shared infrastructure development. NCFB agrees with the conclusion that all of the acreage included in the Proposed Action can be developed while protecting the environment, local communities and other economic interests.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
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President

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