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Robert Byrnes, President  
Nebraska Renewable Energy Association  
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Dear Robert:

As Governor of our great state, it's my pleasure to congratulate the Nebraska Renewable Energy Association on a successful launch of its citizen effort to raise public awareness of the many opportunities that exist in the field of renewable energy. Our state is a leader in ethanol production nationally, with our rich traditions of corn and sugar production, and with more ethanol plants under construction than any other state. We also are in the beginning stages of fostering a new base of support for biodiesel production, based on a vibrant soybean crop, and we remain a ripe location for the further expansion of wind and solar power generation.

The Nebraska Renewable Energy Association is a non-profit organization with the stated aim of educational and outreach efforts for individual producers and entrepreneurs across our state. Networking is an essential part of any business practice, and I am pleased to hear that your awareness efforts will include connecting interested parties with potential business partners. Many of the founders of your organization have invested a significant amount of time and resources into developing renewable energy in Nebraska, and it is a credit to you that they are willing to share the information they have learned.

By increasing the awareness of renewable energy issues specific to the strengths Nebraska possesses, your organization appears poised to improve our ability to spread this important economic development tool to a greater number of Nebraskans. Your work is a strong example of what makes Nebraska so unique. We have always come together to advance opportunities, and our unparalleled work ethic ensures that we will always have an opportunity to succeed.

Again, congratulations on your efforts, and we wish you continued growth in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave Heineman".

Dave Heineman  
Governor