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Commissioners Fiegen, Hanson, and Nelson,

Lake Area Tech proudly supports the Wind Energy Industry, providing key entry level technicians for their workforce. As such, we may be able to bring a unique perspective on the topic, and our staff and industry partners stand ready to answers any questions you may find our perspective helpful on. I know the importance of investing in our state's future. At Lake Area Technical Institute, we strive to prepare our students for the careers of tomorrow. For South Dakota's youth, wind energy is definitely part of their renewable energy future in our state.

Therefore, I strongly urge you to support the Crowned Ridge II project. Aside from providing another source of clean, renewable energy, Crowned Ridge II would serve as a vital supply of construction and maintenance jobs for the future leaders of South Dakota. They will also likely employ graduates from our Energy Technology and Energy Operations programs. The results would be millions of dollars flowing into the state through taxes and economic activities. It will also provide a more diverse workforce and economy locally.

I would respectfully support the approval of Crowned Ridge II.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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