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Dear Advisory Group Members:

As you gather today to meet and discuss the Midwestern Energy Security and Climate Stewardship Platform and the Midwestern Greenhouse Gas Accord, we want to thank you for the time and effort you have given to this initiative. Your efforts to address difficult issues related to energy efficiency, biofuels, advanced coal, renewable electricity, and greenhouse gas reductions is one reason the Midwest will continue to be a leader on energy and climate issues.

The draft design recommendations for a Midwestern greenhouse gas emissions cap and trade program are a substantive effort. In response to your draft, we asked MGA staff to post the preliminary version publicly. Additionally, these recommendations will be useful in upcoming conversations with members of Congress and Obama administration officials. We look forward to your final design recommendations later this spring.

We equally appreciate your efforts to develop an even broader set of policy recommendations and other strategies for achieving the MGA Energy Security and Environmental Stewardship Platform goals and objectives. In November 2007, we endorsed those goals relating to energy efficiency, bioeconomy and transportation, renewable electricity, and advanced coal with carbon capture. Your work will provide a resource for our follow-up summit of governors and premiers later this year.

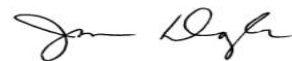
Thank you as well for your suggestions regarding the economic stimulus package. These insights will provide regional context to congress and the administration as they develop legislation.

Thank you again for your dedication and goodwill in working together to provide us with your recommendations on urgent energy security and climate challenges. We look forward to seeing you at the September summit.

Sincerely,



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Governor, Minnesota



Jim Doyle
Governor, Wisconsin