

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

March 27, 2023

The Honorable Jennifer Granholm  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Ave, SW  
Washington, DC 20585

**Re: Letter of Support for the Midwest Alliance for Clean Hydrogen (MachH2) Team  
in Response to Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA): DE-FOA-0002779**

Dear Secretary Granholm:

We are writing to express our support for the Midwest Alliance for Clean Hydrogen (MachH2) proposal for the Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs Funding Opportunity.

A hydrogen hub in the Midwest offers opportunities to advance an unparalleled, comprehensive hydrogen ecosystem. With robust and well-established agricultural, manufacturing, and transportation infrastructure networks, the Midwest is the prime central location for the development of new hydrogen technologies and the delivery of hydrogen products into critical sectors throughout the United States.

Given the existing strengths across the economy, the Midwest provides workforce opportunities in all areas of the hydrogen value chain, including higher education and specialized workers. Indiana's premier colleges and universities are primed and ready to develop a highly skilled workforce to build the state, regional, and national economy. People and families across the United States seek the low cost of living and the quality of life offered in Indiana and the Midwest.

Indiana's overall energy portfolio continues to become more diversified, culminating into a wide array of reliable, affordable, and increasingly cleaner energy resources powering the Hoosier State. Hydrogen opportunities in the power generation and building heating space are exciting prospects, and we look forward to the evaluation and incorporation of hydrogen into our resource mix as we continue to grow a diversified and well-balanced energy portfolio.

Specifically, the MachH2 Hub proposal would be an opportunity to significantly reduce carbon emissions in the Northwest Indiana region. The region is a concentrated area of globally renowned industries that are vital to the economy of the nation, and it consists of many Indiana communities that have deep-rooted relationships with the existing industries in that area. Additionally, this region is within the Chicago area and includes historically disadvantaged communities that would benefit from the MachH2 Hub's investment.

The MachH2 Hub proposal would provide an inclusive and diverse array of opportunities to advance and accelerate hydrogen not just for the region, but for the entire nation. We ask that you give the MachH2 Hub proposal full and fair consideration within all applicable laws and regulations.

Sincerely,



Todd Young  
United States Senator



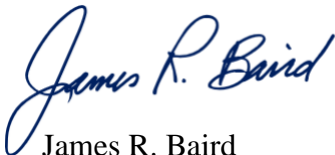
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