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Mr. Greg Johnson, Managing Editor  
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Dear Mr. Johnson,

It is a distinct pleasure to comment on the outstanding support provided to the business development community by the Energy Capital Economic Development. Having spent decades at the task of project and business development, I can unequivocally state that Campbell County has one of the very best teams of economic developers in the nation. It has been my privilege to work closely with Phil Christopherson, Mary Melaragno and the Energy Capital Economic Development Board of Directors over the last year. With their continued and persistent support, we are very close to “spinning up” a new start Wyoming Company that has potential to impact job creation and tax revenues for the Powder River Basin (PRB) in a significant and positive way.

Hathaway Activated Carbon, Inc. (H.A. Carbon) has access to patented and proprietary coal processing technology that could be fielded to several parts of the world. Indeed, the technology is already being fielded to China and potentially Indonesia. However, we determined that the PRB was the best place for H.A. Carbon to field coal processing technology in large part because of the very strong economic development team as well as the accessibility and commitment of legislators like State Senators Jeff Wasserburger and Michael Von Flatern and U.S. Congressman Liz Cheney. Collectively, the level of support for fielding new coal processing technology to the PRB was compelling and we are fortunate to have selected the PRB.

It would seem logical that the residents of Campbell County would want to support and encourage economic development efforts by voting in favor of the one-quarter cent economic development tax on November 7th. As I understand the issue, one penny of every four dollars spent on taxable goods would go toward expanding the existing capabilities of the Energy Capital Economic Development Corporation and to supporting Gillette College. It is my opinion that further investment into Economic Development and higher education is the best and most optimal use of the one-quarter cent tax. Both organizations are already doing excellent work and they need to accelerate and push forward with their efforts as the opportunity is here now.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my experience with the Energy Capital Economic Development and an opinion on why it makes good sense for voters to pass the one-quarter cent economic development referendum on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully,

*Kevin W. Hathaway*