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Dr. Mark Englert
Vice President, Gillette College

Mr. Phil Christopherson, CEO
Energy Capital Economic Development

Dear Dr. Englert and Mr. Christopherson:

The Campbell County Chamber of Commerce commends Gillette College and Energy Capital Economic Development on their partnership on the proposed ¼ cent optional tax to be put before the voters on November 7. Both entities are vital to the growth of our community in preparing workforce and diversification of our economy.

Gillette College has seen increased enrollment year over year and has responded in the best way possible. The infrastructure and course offerings are impressive given the funding limitations the College has recently faced. They have responded to the needs of the businesses in our region by providing training specific to those industries.

Energy Capital Economic Development has worked tirelessly with limited staff and resources to develop programs that will allow the expansion of the use of our coal resources readily available in our community. Diversification is key to our region and they have proven they are champions of this effort with such projects as the Advanced Carbon Products Innovation Center and the business incubator in the Sinclair Building.

The Chamber of Commerce values the partnerships we have developed over the years with Gillette College and Energy Capital Economic Development and we look forward to working together on future projects.

The Chamber recognizes the need for sustainable funding for both the College and Economic Development in our community. The vitality of these entities is critical to the success of Gillette and Campbell County. It is the hope of the Chamber of Commerce that voters will take the time to educate themselves on the issue and make an informed vote on November 7.

Sincerely,

Dalton Huber
Chairman of the Board of Directors