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Board of Sheridan County Commissioners
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Dear Sheridan County Board of Commissioners,

The ENDOW or Economically Needed Diversity Options for Wyoming Executive Council supports Ramaco Carbon's efforts to use carbon molecules derived from coal as building blocks for products. The core of our work includes identifying opportunities to encourage the expansion and diversification of Wyoming's existing energy and mineral sectors. Ramaco Carbon's intentions to construct an advanced manufacturing and integrated carbon resource, research, development and production facility in Wyoming support our efforts.

Elemental carbon from coal can be used for advanced product materials in the same way carbon from petroleum is used. Carbon fiber made from coal can make vehicle and plane components cheaper and stronger. Utilizing technology and advanced manufacturing techniques – two sectors of Wyoming's economy we are interested in growing.

Ramaco Carbon has requested a zoning change in an area that already has light industrial use. Ramaco Carbon's plans for its iPark and iCAM have far reaching implications for the sustainability of the coal industry, advanced materials, and advanced manufacturing industries. By working with top researchers and scientists, Ramaco Carbon can create a new ecosystem for innovation in northeast Wyoming. The Executive Council hopes Ramaco Carbon is successful in its efforts to create a new future for coal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Hill".

Greg Hill, Chair
ENDOW Executive Council

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