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Brian Gustafson, Administrator
Air Quality Program
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
523 East Capitol, Joe Foss Building
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

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Dear Mr. Gustafson:

I am writing to you on behalf of the membership of the Nebraska Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association (NPCA). NPCA represents over 250 independent petroleum marketers and convenience store operators, operating over 1200 retail fuel outlets throughout the State of Nebraska. We are writing to you in support of the Hyperion Energy Center air permit that is before you.

This refinery is desperately needed to help provide supply relief in the Midwestern states and especially in Nebraska and your home state, South Dakota. In Nebraska, we have been constantly fighting to get an ample supply of motor fuel to meet the needs of the motoring public, as well as, industry and the farming community. This refinery will defiantly help elevate the strain that is on the supply of fuel to our area.

It is my understanding that Hyperion is committed to constructing the most advanced and environmentally sound refinery built in the United States. It having been over 30 years since the last refinery was built in this country; it is now time to allow a company like Hyperion, who will be environmentally responsible, to build this much needed infrastructure in meeting our fuel needs into the future.

Again, I encourage you to issue this permit, as soon as possible, to help our area of the country gain a more available supply of gas and diesel.

Sincerely,

Timothy P. Keigher
Executive Director