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Dear Mr. Gustafson,

The Wisconsin Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association represents over 500 independent businesses. Together we employ more than 10,000 people, operate more than 2,000 stations and stores and account for more than one-half the entire volume of motor fuel and nearly all the home heating oil sold in Wisconsin. We are in the business of energy. As such, we understand the constant need to look to the future. We understand the necessity to balance the ever increasing demand for energy with environmental protection.

Every year we experience more demand for petroleum products. It is disturbing that a new refinery has not been built in this country in over thirty years. The future of our industry largely depends on two critical factors: reliable, affordable energy and a vibrant national economy. U.S. refineries continue to struggle to meet our Nation's demand for petroleum products.

Because of this, we ask that you approve the air permit for the proposed Hyperion Energy Center without delay. I strongly believe that this project is a great opportunity for South Dakota, the Upper-Midwest and our Nation.

Hyperion is committed to building the most advanced and environmentally sound refinery in the United States. The Hyperion Energy Center will be built from the ground up using new and proven emissions control technologies. We have learned that the best way to meet increasing demand and ever-rising costs is to couple new production with environmental protection. This is exactly what the Hyperion Energy Center will do and precisely why we support the project.

Thank you for your time and diligent attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Matthew C. Hauser
President

CC: Board of Minerals and Environment