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House of Representatives
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Mr. Jonathan Forrest Hester
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Dear Mr. Hester,

Thank you for taking time and reaching out to me. As your Congressman, I work for you, so nothing is more important to me than your issues, concerns, and opinions, and those of your neighbors. Knowing what you think and need helps me represent you better in Washington.

As someone who grew up in the beautiful Northwoods of Wisconsin, I am passionate about conserving the Great Outdoors. We all have a duty to be good stewards of our environment, and as a co-chair of the Congressional Great Lakes Task Force, I take seriously my job to uphold the laws and regulations that protect the environment we cherish for generations to come. At a time when many Wisconsinites are unemployed and looking for work, we must be mindful to balance conservation with economic development. Thankfully, new technologies and better construction methods have allowed development to occur, while minimizing the impact on our surrounding environment.

I agree that we should consistently be encouraging the production and use of technologies that limit carbon emissions. Many recent efforts to restrict these emissions, however, have greatly overreached and threatened the viability of many manufacturers, forcing the loss of many jobs. Working together to find the right balance is important to all parties involved. For this reason, I am also a strong advocate of an "all of the above" approach to our energy policy. Our nation must be able to access and expand all of our domestically generated energy sources - be it wind, solar, nuclear, natural gas, oil or coal - in a safe and responsible manner. By putting domestic energy production back on the table, we can lower the prices Americans pay for energy and put more Americans back to work. I will keep your concerns in mind should legislation on this issue come before me in the House of Representatives.

It is an honor and privilege to represent you in the U.S. House of Representatives. Again, I appreciate you taking the time to voice your concerns and share your thoughts. Please feel free to e-mail or call if you have any questions or concerns in the future.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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