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Dear Chairwoman Johnson and Ranking Member Lucas,

On behalf of the University of Utah, I would like to thank you for the opportunity provided to Dr. Joseph Moore to comment on H.R. 5374, "The Advanced Geothermal Energy Research and Development Act of 2019". The technology development and research authorized under the proposed bill recognizes the critical barriers that must be overcome to expand geothermal energy production across the United States. In particular, the opportunity to move Enhanced Geothermal System development forward and the committee's efforts to encourage the Department of Energy to balance funding for operations and research, depending on the stage of the FORGE projects, is especially appreciated. Please know that the University of Utah heartily endorses the language in this bill.

Thank you for your support of geothermal energy development in the United States.

Sincerely yours,



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