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***MGA CALLS ON CONGRESS TO COLLABORATE WITH STATES
AND REGIONS IN FEDERAL GREENHOUSE GAS DEBATE***

Washington, D.C. – In a letter sent earlier this week on behalf of the Midwestern Governors Association (MGA), South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds and Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm urged congressional leaders to involve regions and states in national discussions over greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions.

As Congress debates over federal policy, Midwestern governors urge the federal government to protect the action the states and regional entities have already taken. Additionally, the governors want to ensure that any federal strategy reflects the Midwest's experience and potential in key areas such as renewable energy, carbon capture and storage, methane mitigation and terrestrial carbon sequestration.

In response to the possible action by Congress, Rounds, chair of the MGA, stated, "States continue to be leaders in issues facing our nation. As Congress debates a greenhouse gas policy, they must make these states and regions active partners in the formation of a national policy, if one is developed."

MGA vice chair Granholm, "As Congress works on a federal greenhouse gas reduction policy, it should consider the actions Midwestern states have taken to curb the effects of greenhouse gases, as well as actions that protect the region's vast resources. An effective policy will protect the environment, stimulate economic growth, and create jobs."

The Midwestern Governors Association (MGA) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that brings together the governors of 12 states to work cooperatively on public policy issues of significance to the Midwestern region. In addition to Rounds and Granholm, the current members of the MGA are: Gov. Rod Blagojevich (IL), Gov. Mitch Daniels (IN), Gov. Chet Culver (IA), Gov. Kathleen Sebelius (KS), Gov. Tim Pawlenty (MN), Gov. Matt Blunt (MO), Gov. Dave Heineman (NE), Gov. John Hoeven (ND), Gov. Ted Strickland (OH), and Gov. Jim Doyle (WI).

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