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Andrew Kauppila  
BLM Rawlins Field Office  
1300 3rd St.  
Rawlins, WY 82301

Re: Tallgrass Southeast Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Sequestration Project Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Kauppila,

Western Energy Alliance (the Alliance) is writing in support of the Tallgrass Southeast Wyoming CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration Project because it will enable CO<sub>2</sub> capture, transport, and sequestration for over 10 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year from industries in Nebraska, Colorado, and Wyoming. The sequestration facilities will make possible hydrogen hub development and related infrastructure investments, as well as enable regional decarbonization in biofuels, manufacturing, and power generation.

Western Energy Alliance is the leader and champion for independent oil and natural gas companies in the West. Working with a vibrant membership base for nearly 50 years, the Alliance stands as a credible leader, advocate, and champion of industry. Our expert staff, active committees, and committed board members form a collaborative and welcoming community of professionals dedicated to abundant, affordable energy and a high quality of life for all. The majority of independent producers are small businesses, with an average of fourteen employees.

Upon federal approval, Tallgrass will be able to store CO<sub>2</sub> in approximately 480 acres of sub-surface federal pore space in Laramie County, Wyoming. The project will permanently sequester CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from industrial operations in underground geologic formations and reduce atmospheric greenhouse gas. Besides being good for the environment, the proposal follows the June 2022 BLM policy update authorizing rights-of-way on public lands for sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub>.

In addition to the job creation and economic development that the new infrastructure generates, the project will advance energy security by enabling the production and utilization of domestic clean energy resources and products for decades to come.

We encourage BLM to approve this large-scale decarbonization solution. We urge your approval of the Tallgrass project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Kauppila", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Kathleen M. Sgamma  
President



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