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Dear American Doorstop Project,

I appreciate the opportunity to endorse the American Doorstop Project. The American Doorstop Project is a worthy endeavor initiated to record the history of early advances made by pioneers of the West. There is no other occupation that has impacted the growth and prosperity of America more than agriculture has. To celebrate that history, with vignettes of struggles, failures and successes of those that forged the future for us, is a valuable project. Without our history, we have no way of knowing what paths we have taken, who have forged the trails we now travel, and what highways we now need to take to insure liberty for the future.

From the fertile prairies and rich valleys of Nebraska, Montana and North Dakota, these western farmlands were the places where necessity drove invention—of water for irrigation, of rural electrification and the cooperative spirit to build a nation. Lives were dedicated to endurance and progress. Gambles with hardships were risked and overcome. We need to know about it all.

Even better, the Co-founders of this project, Melody Dobson and Jody Lamp have proven their high regard for agriculture in their day-to-day lives. Raised up in rural settings and being involved in agriculture organizations such as American Agri-Women, Nebraska Agri-Women, and Montana Agri-Women, their livelihoods have been built upon the rural foundations of America. Who better to bring to life the history of rural areas than these two women who have roots firmly planted in the soils of agriculture?

I therefore, look forward to the American Doorstop Project to provide a history of America's source of strength--rural communities--to build better communications and understandings of our American ideals.

Sincerely,

Karen Yost, Past President

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