March 24, 2025

The Honorable Brooke Rollins
Secretary of Agriculture
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., S.W. Washington, DC 20250

Subject: Support for the Biofuel Development Opportunity (BDO) Zone Initiative

Dear Secretary Rollins,

As the Chief Development Officer of Circularity 2, a leading developer of biochar and biocarbon production facilities, I am writing to underscore the critical importance of the Biofuel Development Opportunity (BDO) Zone Initiative in advancing biofuels projects in rural America.

We are looking to build biochar production facilities in AR and FL, producing 20,000 and 65,000 tons of biochar and biocarbon respectively. We will be utilizing American origin equipment and engineering as well as construction services. Potential economic impacts of a new project include:

- Projected rural investments totaling $115 million
- Anticipated creation of 52 jobs

The BDO Zone rating criteria is an indispensable due diligence mechanism that directly influences our site selection process. BDO Zone ratings highlight important biomass feedstock and infrastructure attributes that we consider for project siting.

Circularity 2 strongly endorses the BDO Zone Initiative and would prioritize locating future projects in areas with established BDO Zone ratings.

Sincerely,

Jacek Chmielewski
Chief Development Officer
Circularity 2