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Dear Professor Bozkurt,

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of your proposal for the Smart City Air Challenge organized by the Environmental Protection Agency. We agree that using citizen science approach to create an ozone map of the Research Triangle region of North Carolina would be a valuable effort.

NC R!oT is a non-profit organization promoting economic development in the technology sector. We have a community of 3500 people across Research Triangle and Charlotte, NC, plus 35 sponsor companies working in the Internet of Things area. Our partners include many in the environmental, sensor and clean technology sectors such as IBM, SAS, Schneider Electric, ST Microelectronics, Samsung and many more.

To support your proposal, if you are selected to participate in the Challenge, we would be glad to help recruit citizens to participate in the study. As an example, R!oT recently helped promote and pull together hundreds of volunteers to modify toys to be used by children with disabilities in an activity called Santa's Little Hackers.

R!oT is also highly engaged in the NIST Global Cities Team Challenge, including deployment of wearable sensors for First Responder monitoring in partnership with IBM, Honeywell, Valencell and others. We would be willing to share this EPA effort with the Smart Cities community, which could lead to future funding through additional grants and industry partnerships.

Good luck with the proposal and let me know how else we might support.

Thank you,

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