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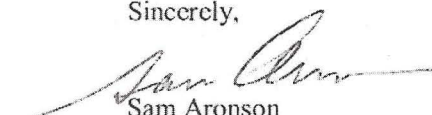
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Dear Dr. Stone:

As Director of Brookhaven National Laboratory, I wish to express my support for the proposal submitted to the DOE-sponsored, Office of Science Early Career Research Program (LAB-12-751), by principal investigator, Dr. Erin Sheldon, Physicist in the Physics Department entitled, "Measuring Dark Energy with Gravitational Lensing in the Dark Energy Survey"

I confirm that the proposed research expressed in his submission falls within the scope of the Office-of-Science funded programs at BNL. As stated by Dr. Sheldon, "I propose to analyze data from the Dark Energy Survey (DES) to constrain the properties of Dark Energy. My primary focus will be on measuring gravitational lensing effects to probe the expansion history and growth rate of massive structures in our universe."

Sincerely,


Sam Aronson
Director

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