**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

I’m very happy to express my support for the renovation of outdated mass spectrometry instrumentation at Florida International University. As a student of Chemistry in the College of Arts, Sciences and Education I have had the privileged to work one-on-one with the scientist of the Advanced Mass Spectrometry Facility in my Instrumental Analysis and Laboratory course as well as in my three years of undergraduate research experience with Prof. Raptis and Prof. Lima. It is imperative that we as students become familiar with the most relevant and up to date systems in our fields in order to receive the best education possible, become better competitors and be able to proudly represent our school. I know that the knowledge and expertise I will acquire by having access to state of the art equipment will be invaluable in helping me find better job opportunities throughout my career. I am not alone in this belief as many of my peers have expressed similar sentiments about the state of the resources available to us and our need for more relevant and state of the art facilities. I hope that in this letter you are able to feel our eagerness and excitement for a chance to prove the full capacity of our potential.

Sincerely,

Carlos A. Acosta Jr. April 14, 2017