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Dear Dr. Kafura,

I am writing to continue our phone and email interactions regarding the teaching of computational thinking to students at the Virginia Military Institute (VMI). We believe that computational thinking benefits all, regardless of chosen major, and being able to more actively interact with an increasing digital world via a computational tools would open many doors.

After much faculty discussion and thought, VMI would like to be involved with your work. Specifically, we are very interested in your CORGIS collection of real world data sets because we want the new course we are developing to be driven by real problems and real data sets. We intend to have some of these problems generated by faculty in other disciplines at VMI, but your giant data sets should be incredibly useful to us.

It is anticipated that the course using the CORGIS data sets would be taken by student in [describe majors, e.g. first year computer science students or lower division science students, etc.]. We anticipate offering this course [state frequency, e.g., once per year, once per semester, etc.] to a total of approximately [give total enrollment] students during the next three years.

Because I believe that the CORGIS data sets will be very useful, I will gladly participate in their further development and evaluation. I understand that you are submitting a proposal to the National Science Foundation to, among other things, extend and improve the CORGIS technology and collection. I agree to provide some targeted assessment (e.g., student surveys) of the CORGIS materials using the assessment mechanisms that you will provide for which I will receive compensation as a Participant Support Cost.

I look forward to working with you and others at Virginia Tech on the CORGIS development.

Sincerely,

[Signed]

Title/position