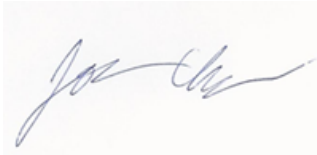


To: NSF Dimensions of Biodiversity Program

From: Prof. Jonathan Chase, Head of Biodiversity Synthesis Research Group

To whom it may concern:

I have been working with Rominger and colleagues on some of the preliminary modeling approaches that form the backbone of this proposal. I am extremely impressed by where the PIs are taking the work, especially in the context of this integration about DoB projects. And I am delighted to continue working with them, should the this proposal entitled: " Integrating Across Dimensions of Biodiversity: Developing Novel Theory and Informatics" is selected for funding by NSF. I am happy to collaborate and/or commit resources as detailed in the Project Description.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jon Chase", is written over a light beige rectangular background.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research

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