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To: NSF Dimensions of Biodiversity Program

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

To whom it may concern:

Signed:

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 Pls are taking the work, especially in the context of this integration among DoB projects. And I am delighted to continue working with them, should this proposal entitled: "Integrating Across Dimensions of Biodiversity: Developing Novel Theory and Informatics" be selected for funding by NSF. I am happy to collaborate and commit resources as detailed in the Project Description.

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