**CAC Cover Letter**

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To whom it may concern, this letter has been written to comply with the necessary requirements stipulated by the CAC. I, Paula Zhu, am an undergraduate student currently participating in the MSRO Bio program for the duration of the year of 2023-2024 under the general supervision of Dr. Mriganka Sur and under the tutelage and immediate supervision of postdoctorate fellow Dr. Giselle Fernandes. With Dr. Sur’s permission, evidenced by his signature, I confirm that Dr. Sur is ultimately responsible for my conduct in the performance of animal-based research. I assure the CAC that the departmental and institute chemical hygiene and safety requirements have been fulfilled. The animals currently being used in the project I am joining are housed in facility 46SA. I have also been instructed to never enter containment areas without direct supervision and I understand the restrictions of room entry completely. I assure the CAC that all animal related work under my responsibility will be done during the day when DCM staff is available and if the case where my work occurred after work hours were to occur, I will be under the direct supervision of my immediate supervisor. Finally, I confirm I will not be working with animals independently nor will I be a supervisor of other undergraduates or minors. My goal this year is to develop my technical and analytical neuroscience skills. My training in neuroscience in my home institution has emphasized the importance of also being familiarized with the subjects of our projects and not just the data. Allowing me to handle mice for this project will ensure I receive a complete training this year.

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