

DATE: June 9, 2022

TO: NE Regional Project Office and Regional Directors

FROM: Greg Porter, NE1731 Regional Project Chair and member of the project rewrite team

RE: Response to reviews of NE_TEMP2231: Collaborative Potato Breeding and Variety Development Activities to Enhance Farm Sustainability in the Eastern US.

I am writing on behalf of the technical committee and the team that led the re-write effort for regional Project NE-1731 (NE_TEMP2231). We are extremely pleased that the reviews were so favorable regarding the project's goals, activity, technical merit, outcomes/impacts, and the need for regional collaboration in order to accomplish our research goals.

We made a few minor editorial corrections as a result of the suggestions of the reviewers. There were no substantive criticisms and, therefore, we have submitted our edited project proposal to you as FINAL and ready for your consideration and, hopefully, approval.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the regional projects.