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Karen Ross, Secretary

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Cynthia Gleason
Associate Professor
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Dear Cynthia

Herewith, I express my enthusiastic support to the Hatch Project W_TEMP5186 titled "Variability, Adaptation, and Management of Nematodes Impacting Crop Production and Trade." As an expert with over 30 years of research experience in Nematology and Molecular Diagnostics, I understand the importance of nematode genetic diversity and adaptation in relation to nematode control and management. This project fits well with my research in molecular systematics, diagnostics, and phylogeny. The work performed by the W_TEMP5186 scientists is highly relevant and timely, considering the potential for spread of quarantine nematodes. New data on gene sequences obtained during your project will evidently facilitate developing of new diagnostic tools, those directly benefit to our routine work on nematode diagnostics in Nematology laboratory, Plant Pest Diagnostic Center at the California Department of Food and Agriculture. I am happy to lend my expertise in nematode diagnostics using both molecular and morphological approaches to the scientists on this project.

I wish you success in obtaining funding for this important research. I look forward to a fruitful collaboration.

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