



December 16, 2025

Drs. Marilyn Warburton & Per McCord
WRPIS Coordinator & Principal Investigator
Washington State University
Pullman, WA 99164, USA

Dear Drs. Warburton & McCord,

This letter is in support of your multistate regional proposal entitled "Promoting long-term sustainable management and use of vital agricultural plant germplasm" which helps sustain your genebank plant genetic resources service and research objectives.

The US Dry Bean Council represents global trade interests of the U.S. dry bean industry, promoting international market development and providing information to consumers, health professionals, buyers, suppliers and the media around the world about the good taste, nutritional value and versatility of beans.

We understand the value of the National Plant Germplasm System, specifically the Western Regional Plant Introduction Station in Pullman, WA which is responsible for an internationally recognized and diverse collection of beans (*Phaseolus* spp.). This collection of over 17,000 accessions with diverse stress tolerance, agronomic, and culinary traits is key to the future success of American bean farmers, processors, and consumers. The stakeholders we represent would not be able to produce quality beans in a sustainable fashion if it was not for the traits sourced from genebank accessions used for developing modern improved cultivars.

As we have indicated here, we are extremely supportive of the mission of the WRPIS and look forward to being able to provide input and participate, as needed, in developing strategies that aid in meeting your continued service mission.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danny Raulerson".

Danny Raulerson
Executive Director
US Dry Bean Council