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Dear Southern Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Grants Management:

I am writing this letter in support of the SSARE grant proposal "The use of cyanobacteria biofertilizer to increase crop productivity, improve soil health, and agricultural sustainability in Florida" led by Florida International University Agroecology program.

I have been in discussion with the research team on research plan, and I support FIU Agroecology program team to execute this project. The proposal's plan to develop and evaluate an innovative novel idea of making biofertilizer from freshwater algal blooms and use if for sustainable crop production will not only benefit Florida organic growers but it will also help to maintain environmental sustainability and ecosystem services with a primary focus of soil health. I will provide my expertise on biofertilizer production, nutrient analysis, soil health, and relevant experimental procedures.

I strongly support this research effort and believe this research will provide tremendous environmental, agricultural, economic benefit to Florida's organic growers. I am happy to provide any additional information regarding my collaboration.

Sincerely yours,

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