



CAPTION

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RE:

Dear NE-SARE Grant Review Team

I am writing in support of Ashawaug Farm's 2025 Northeast SARE Historically Underserved Farmers / Farming Communities Grant Program proposal titled "**Enhancing our Traditional Knowledge Lens at Ashawaug Farm To Reach A Wider Audience.** Project."

Ashawaug Farm is a 6 acre heritage crop farm, owned and operated by Cassius & Dawn Spears, members of the Narragansett Tribe in Rhode Island. The farm integrates art and agriculture to expand knowledge of Narragansett foodways, support community health and cultural revitalization, and promote food sovereignty. Their work offers in-person and digital knowledge-sharing through educational workshops, and events.

As a cultural artist myself, I am committed to bringing cultural experiences to provide interactive exchanges for public

participation. Much of my work revolves around education. I look forward to contributing to Ashawaug's efforts to provide professional development, public programs and all educational opportunities they provide for the community.

Respectfully,

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