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Dr. Matthew Cutulle
Clemson University,
Coastal Research and Education Center,
2700 Savannah Highway
Charleston, SC29414
Re: Letter of Commitment

Dear Dr. Cutulle:

For the SARE proposal "Establishing an Organic Watermelon Industry in South Carolina", we (Drs. Levi and Kousik) will provide watermelon germplasm and conduct greenhouse and field bioassays to determine genotype response to salt tolerance. They anticipate \$162,000 in funding to support this research. If the proposal is funded, we will establish the necessary agreements and make appropriate resources available to support the project, contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds for ARS research programs. We will provide the infrastructure to perform the testing as specified in the project description. Specifically, ARS has designated those existing resources such as space that is already in use will now also support this research program, personnel who currently have research built into their workload will now devote some of this time for this research project, and equipment that is currently in the facility may now be used to support this research in order to accomplish the objectives of this grant.

Thank you,
Amnon Levi
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