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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing in support of Ohelaku's Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education proposal titled, "Minimizing Tillage for Heirloom Corn". The Outagamie County Land Conservation Department has been partnering with Oneida Nation and local farmers to explore minimal and no-till farming practices. Over the years, we have provided equipment for conservation tillage on Tribal and private lands in an effort to support local farmers, soil health, and water quality. The Land Conservation Department has also coordinated directly with Oneida Nation's Environmental, Health, Safety, Land & Agriculture Division to provide technical assistance and equipment utilization.

Recently, this partnership has evolved to allow for a demonstration farm on Oneida Trust land near Ohelaku's fields. Demonstration plots were planted in 2020 and construction of a building to store the County's conservation tillage equipment is scheduled for 2021.

In the recent past we have assisted Ohelaku with various resources and have seen their farm grow from nine acres to thirty. We are in full support of Ohelaku's efforts to expand their soil conservation practices into low and no-till production. Outagamie County Land Conservation Department will make every effort to make available our staff and equipment to ensure the success of the project, including the utilization of the Department's crimper roller and no-till corn planter if needed.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

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