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I would like to submit my Support for the application by Rigorous LLC.
For funding in the 2021 SARE Grant round.

I have been collaborating with Rigorous early on in their process to
create an open source design for a high tunnel gantry system for
Northeastern high tunnel growers.

High Tunnel agriculture is an increasingly important aspect of
Northeastern agriculture. It enables season extension, increased
profitability and climate resiliency. This type of growing by its' nature
requires many repetitive strenuous tasks. The development of a simple
gantry system that can assist in multiple tasks could further the
profitability and efficiency of growers utilizing the system. This simple
design would allow access to mechanization to many small growers in
the Northeast.

The skillset, experience and collaborative network the owners of
Rigorous LLC possess is a valuable asset that will ensure any successes
that the design will allow.

I commit to participating in this project by providing direct feedback on
the design, installation and usability of these tools

Sincerely
Robert Lesnikoski
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