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Harlow Bend School District, Office of Curriculum and Instruction (fictional)

June 24, 2027

Dear Members of the Review Panel,

I am delighted to write in enthusiastic support of Dr. Wren Castellano's CAREER proposal, "CAREER: Wet–Dry Cycles, Soil Redox, and the Methane–Nitrous Oxide Trade-off in Mid-South Rice." In more than twenty years of working with university partners, I have rarely met a young scientist as energetic, generous and talented as Dr. Castellano. Her visits to our classrooms in 2024 and 2025 were the highlight of the year for many of our students, and our teachers still talk about them.

This is exactly the kind of project our region needs. Our students live among the rice fields this research studies, yet they rarely see the science behind them. The summer institute Dr. Castellano proposes will transform how our teachers teach the carbon and nitrogen cycles, and the classroom kits will put real instruments in the hands of students who have never had them. I have no doubt that this project will be a great success and a model for the nation.

The Harlow Bend School District will help recruit teachers for the institute each summer, welcome Dr. Castellano's graduate student into our classrooms each fall, and share the enrollment information the project needs for its assessment.

I give this proposal my highest recommendation and urge you to fund it.

Sincerely,

Dana Whitfield
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