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To whom it may concern,

It is with great delight that I write this letter of support for Food Connects 2050, the Rockefeller Foundation's 2050 Food System Vision Prize application of Wageningen University and Research (WUR) and the College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES) of the University of the District of Columbia (UDC).

Food Connects 2050 strives for a nature-based food economy for all in Washington DC region. At the same time the team submits an innovative and feasible vision for a regenerative and nourishing food future for communities all over the world.

Wageningen University and Research is ranked globally as the number one research organization in agriculture and food systems. Our scientists and alumni are contributing to innovative solutions in the field of food and nutrition all over the world. CAUSES has developed its award winning Urban Food Hubs model, which combines cutting edge technology, cultural sensitivity, and stakeholder engagement to provide access to fresh food, jobs, and green infrastructure in underserved neighborhoods in Washington DC. The complementarity of both organizations puts the team in an ideal position to implement a bold yet practical vision of a sustainable and resilient circular food economy in an urban environment.

As President of Wageningen University & Research I am delighted to support the efforts of the Wageningen UDC CAUSES team. I am convinced that their science based effort will create new pathways to a robust global food production system that is culturally and socially just, economically viable and sustainable in every sense of the word.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.  
I wish you all the best as you pursue the important work of your Foundation.

Yours sincerely,



Prof. Dr. Ir. Louise O. Fresco  
President Executive Board

## RECOMMENDATION LETTER

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nature-based food economy  
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