

Wageningen, May 18th, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

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

The Wageningen – UDC CAUSES team is ideally positioned to submit a cutting edge - yet realistic vision for a Nature-based Food Economy in urban environments in 2050. Wageningen has been one of the number one ranked Universities for Agriculture and Food systems in the world for over more than ten years, and works since 5 years specifically on sustainable food production in urban environments. The College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences of UDC has developed its award winning Urban Food Hubs model which is now in various stages of implementation in four locations across Washington DC. The UDC-model combines technology, cultural sensitivity, and stakeholder engagement to provide access to fresh food, jobs, and green infrastructure in some of the food deserts of in Washington DC.

Their combined experience gives the Wageningen-UDC team a solid basis for the further development of its vision of a sustainable and culturally sensitive nature based food economy that is health oriented and utilizes innovative technology while showing respect for local ecosystems.

As program manager of the strategic investment programs Connected circularity and Circular and climate neutral Society, I am happy to provide my full support to the vision developed by the team. I believe their work addresses not only the challenge of Zero Hunger but also the societal challenges of Responsible Production and Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Best wishes for the important work of your Foundation.

Sincerely,



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