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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Rockefeller Foundation's Food System Vision Prize 2050 is a fantastic initiative and, on behalf of Shared_Studios, I express our support for and commitment to the application of Wageningen University and the University of the District of Columbia's College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES).

Shared_Studios' mission is to **create meaningful human connections between people who would never otherwise have the chance to meet**. Since 2014, we have connected communities using our immersive full-body audiovisual installations (portals) and brought together people separated by distance and difference to talk, dance, play, and collaborate as if they were in the same room. Our portal installations and associated programming have been referred to in a peer-reviewed journal article as "empathy machines" for their ability to foster human connection in a way that other technologies do not.

The portal in the Wageningen region has had a deliberate focus on connecting people and organizations related to food innovation, the circular food economy and food-related health topics. In the proposal for Rockefeller Foundation's Food System Vision Prize 2050, we see Shared_Studios as the ideal partner to provide meaningful connections between participants on a recurring basis without the need to travel. Over the past 5 years, we have connected tens of thousands of people at more than 50 locations worldwide and we are ready to use our platform to do the same for this project.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke Baker".

Luke Baker
Chief Executive Officer