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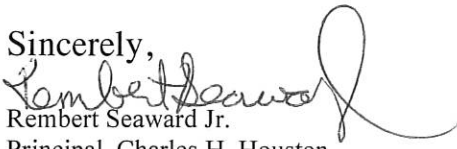
It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter of support for the Rockefeller Foundation's 2050 Food System Vision Prize application of Wageningen University, and the University of the District of Columbia's College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES).

The Wageningen – UDC CAUSES team is ideally positioned to submit an innovative and practical vision of a Regenerative and Nourishing Food Future for communities all over the world. I have followed the award winning Urban Food Hubs model that CAUSES has developed and that is now in various stages of implementation in four locations across Washington DC. In fact we have modified the model to adopt it for the educational goals of our school which is located in Ward 7 in Washington DC. We are persuaded that the combination of cutting edge technology, health, green infrastructure, and community engagements that the model offers provide a great road map for our education system. We also admire the knowledge Wageningen University brings as the number one ranked as university in agriculture and food systems.

As Principal of a school in Ward 7 I have also been involved with other educational initiatives that CAUSES and its former Dean Dr. Sabine O'Hara have launched in our own neighborhood and in neighborhoods across our city. Given the close alignment of the educational goals we have for our school and the vision articulated by the Wageningen - UDC CAUSES team, I am delighted to support their efforts and encouraged by the vision they have developed. I believe that their work will inspire educators not only in the DC Metro area but all over the world.

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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