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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of in support of the nomination of Professor John I. "Hans" Gilderbloom to the College of Arts and Science Award. He is an excellent nominee for this Award he is an example of what a professor in an urban/metropolitan university should and could do to serve its local communities.

I have known Professor Gilderbloom for over 20 years as the director of the Center for Sustainable Urban Neighborhoods (SUN) at the University of Louisville. We had multiple collaborations during the infancy of his center as he supported some of the minority students from Speed School allowing them to learn and grow with experiences beyond engineering. He demonstrated a great mentoring ability and care for diversity and personal growth.

Louisville is a city with many diverse people from different religious, cultural and ethnic backgrounds. As an active member of several non-profits, I invited and observed Dr. Gilderbloom present and discuss issues of interest to the International Community in Louisville and to welcome and create a challenging dialogue with our visitors from other countries.

It is also clear that his publication and national recognition is clear and I will not expand on them. However, in closing, I reiterate my affirmative and unconditional support for his nomination and applaud your college on having such an exemplary faculty member.

Best Regards,



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