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Dear Bria,

I was so excited to see your application, “Lil Labs for Climate Resilience South Seattle,” to the Resilience & Compassion Seed Grant. This work will connect the Lil Lab Network to the long history of environmental justice advocacy and activism in South Seattle, and provides a fantastic community-centered approach to creating and sustaining climate resiliency.

As you know, I am an assistant professor at Fred Hutch Cancer Center & UW focused on understanding the molecular biology underlying environmental health disparities, and founding organizer of the Lil Lab Network. This work combines scientific exploration, community capacity building, and ethical analyses. Communities of color in South Seattle have long experienced disproportionate health burden, and community efforts to reduce this must come from neighbors. The Lil Labs model enables direct resource and information distribution on a local scale. It also represents a unique opportunity to decentralize the information flow around important climate resources. I know you are planning to empower community members in self-expression through art. You will also enable self-empowerment through collective knowledge curation and in self-sustainability through resource sharing. By partnering the distribution network of Lil Labs with the local knowledge of the Othello-UW Commons and collaborators, I have no doubt that this work will be a valuable asset to the Beacon Hill neighborhood I call home, as well as the rest of South Seattle.

I will help support this effort through existing staff and supplies; connections to relevant community groups and county support resources; and the institutional connections to allow this collaboration to thrive. I look forward to working together on this exciting and novel project, and can’t wait to see where you lead it!

I am thrilled to endorse your application for “Lil Labs for Climate Resilience South Seattle” to the Resilience & Compassion Seed Grant. This initiative promises to integrate the Lil Lab Network within the rich legacy of environmental justice in South Seattle, offering a community-driven solution to enhance climate resilience.

As you know, I am an Assistant Professor at Fred Hutch Cancer Center & UW, with a focus on the molecular biology of environmental health disparities. As one of founding organizers of the Lil Lab Network, I am deeply invested in this project. Part of what makes this application so strong is its unique focus on fostering scientific inquiry through community engagement. The disproportionate health burdens borne by communities of color in South Seattle necessitate locally driven, culturally relevant interventions. The Lil Labs model is

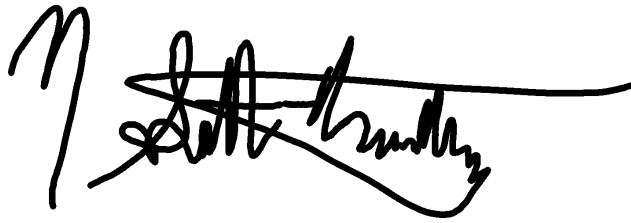
particularly effective in distributing resources and information at a grassroots level. This decentralizes the flow of crucial climate information and resources.

I am very excited about the planned activities to foster self-expression through art and empower residents through knowledge and resource sharing. I am confident that by leveraging the distribution and communication networks of the Lil Lab Network and the local expertise of partners like the Othello-UW Commons, this initiative will significantly benefit the Beacon Hill neighborhood, where I reside, and broader South Seattle.

I am committed to supporting this effort by providing staff and supplies, facilitating connections with local community groups and county resources, and leveraging institutional relationships to ensure the success of this collaboration.

I am eager to contribute to this promising project and am excited to see its impact under your leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nasa Sinnott-Armstrong". The signature is stylized with a large initial "N" and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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