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To the Campus Sustainability Fund Committee:

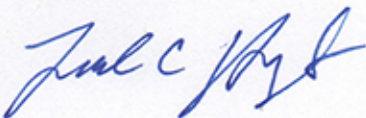
I am writing in full support of the grant proposal submitted by Sarah Shank and Derek Allen entitled SER-UW Native Plant Nursery - Future Growth.

Over the past two years, the SER-UW Nursery has continued to make large strides in its production practices, educational curriculum, and outreach, and it is important this work continues. The presence of the nursery at the Center for Urban Horticulture campus provides an essential avenue for student involvement in native plant production and complements the available coursework in horticulture and ecological restoration. Along with its educational component, the nursery provides a vital local and affordable source of material needed for many class and other student restoration projects.

Since its inception, graduate student RAships have played an integral role in the management and continuous improvement of the nursery. Providing support for an RAship for this project will uphold the same high level of leadership and management provided by past Nursery Managers. This funding will make infrastructure projects possible that will continue to expand the production capabilities of the nursery to provide more species for student projects in the Union Bay Natural Area, Yesler Swamp, and across campus. As the nursery continues to grow, this investment will in turn allow for continued progress towards the goal of financial sustainability.

Please consider funding this proposal and continuing to support the work of the SER-UW Native Plant Nursery.

Sincerely,



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