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Dear Dr. Filoso, UMCES Lead Investigator

I am writing to express our partnership support, on behalf of the Guanabara Bay Watershed Committee (GBWC), for your research proposal entitled Assessment and Management in Brazil to Improve ENvironmental Technical Expertise (AMBIENTE).

If this proposal receives funding by US EPA, we will be ready to cooperate actively with the UMCES team and facilitate its interactions with the GBWC, as well as with stakeholders within the Guanabara Bay watershed in order to foster local, regional, national and international environmental capacity building.

Considering that Guanabara Bay Watershed Committee is finishing updating in the first semester of 2023 its original Watershed Plan from 2005, including now coastal watersheds, there will be many opportunities for such cooperation and assimilation of joint developments.

Members of Guanabara Bay Watershed Committee, especially those who are also members of its Technical Chambers (Management Instruments, Legal and Institutional Issues, Coastal Integration, Sanitation, Environmental Education and Mobilization) are natural candidates to contribute to the AMBIENTE Advisory Board, helping to facilitate the identification of geographic priority and subject matter focus areas; local model projects that could be replicated and/or expanded; local, regional and national experts, as well as project participants; modes of capacity building (workshops, seminars, courses, student exchanges); and provide some aid in local logistics.

We look forward to work with you and your team from the Chesapeake Bay as we work towards healthier watersheds and their coastal zone.

Yours sincerely,



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