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Dr. Bonito,

We are writing this letter in support for your Project GREEN proposal '**Micropropagation and mycorrhizal inoculation of disease-resistant Chestnut germplasm**'. As serving President of the North American Truffle Growers Association, the largest industry group of truffle producers on the continent, I am supportive of your proposal and I feel it would address some of the priorities of truffle growers in the region, including micropropagation of disease-resistant host trees.

Your proposed research on ectomycorrhizal colonization of chestnut with truffles is interesting and is likely to be of interest to growers that are establishing new truffle orchards, or with interest in co-cropping of truffles and nuts.

We are supportive your research. I hope your research project is funded and look forward to hearing results from this research.

Good luck with your GREEN proposal!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Passafaro". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen Passafaro
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