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RE: Girl STEmpowerment: STEM for Changemaking Challenge

Dear General Motors Grant Committee,

This letter is written in strong support of the Girl STEmpowerment STEM for Changemaking Challenge submission and to confirm that the Arizona Sustainability Alliance will serve as a proud program partner. The Arizona Sustainability Alliance (AZSA) is a non-partisan 501(c)(3) non-profit that pioneers cutting-edge solutions to social, economic, and environmental challenges facing our state. The AZSA works in six priority areas: sustainable food systems, urban forestry, renewable energy, adopt-a-park, water resources management, and education. Leveraging an active volunteer base of over 400 individuals, the AZSA implements programs that generate community action, create education-related paradigm shifts, and enhance the health and well-being of Arizona residents.

Over the past year, we have worked with Girl STEmpowerment in implementing the Food Tech for the Future Program at Basha Accelerated Middle School, while empowering high school students to lead and expand their food computer mentorship program within Girl STEmpowerment. I have personally worked with founder Nikita Bharati, as she has become an integral part of many of our projects, and has shown nothing but enthusiasm for committing herself to public service. For this reason, I am pleased to offer my support in serving as a program mentor for the duration of the challenge period and organizational partnership.

On behalf of the AZSA, we would like to thank General Motors for providing funding to support both environmental solutions, and student-driven action. In recognition of the value of these types interagency, multigenerational partnerships, we are thrilled to be working with Girl STEmpowerment and look forward to supporting their Changemaking Challenge.

Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions or clarifications.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. Saffell".

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