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Mr. Michael Arny
President
Leonardo Academy
1526 Chandler Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53711

Dear Mr. Arny,

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has a keen interest in the activities of the Leonardo Academy in developing a draft standard for Sustainable Agricultural Practice. As we will describe in a separate letter, we have a number of serious reservations relating to this effort, but our interest is in the development of an appropriate and meaningful standard through a robust, inclusive, and transparent process. Accordingly, we would like to nominate three individuals from USDA to serve as observers to the Standards Committee for this standard as the effort continues to unfold. They are:

- R. Charles Martin, Deputy Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service (E-mail chuck.martin@usda.gov)
- Michael Schechtman, Biotechnology Coordinator for the Office of the Secretary (E-mail michael.schechtman@ars.usda.gov) and
- Kirsten Jaglo, Office of Scientific and Technical Affairs, Foreign Agricultural Service (E-mail Kirsten.jaglo@fas.usda.gov).

We would much appreciate their inclusion in all future activities related to the development of this standard.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Conner", written over a white background.

Charles F. Conner
Deputy Secretary