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To: Valtcho Jeliazkov, OSU
From: Patrick Hayes, OSU

Dear Valtcho:

I fully support your proposal "Development of Online Graduate Certificate in Organic Agriculture". In our barley breeding project we have grown trials under organic conditions and our varieties are grown organically by local farmers. I am looking to expand our organic barley research activities and to this end I am submitting a planning grant for multi-use organic barley. I am also co-PI on a national initiative for organic small grains led by the Organic Seed Alliance.

These research activities have the potential to contribute data, results, and examples to the curriculum development project.

I wish you every success with the proposal.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Patrick Hayes
Professor, Barley Breeding