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TEMPLATE:

<Date>

To Whom It May Concern:

If the proposal submitted by Dr. <Your Name> entitled “<Title of grant>” is selected for funding by NSF, it is my intent on behalf of Michigan State University’s Institute for Cyber-Enabled Research to collaborate and/or commit resources as detailed in the Project Description or the Facilities, Equipment and Other Resources section of the proposal.

Sincerely,

<ICER Director name, signature, letterhead>