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To whom it may concern

I am delighted to provide this letter of support for the **Millennium Institute for Integrative Systems and Synthetic Biology (MISSB)**. I would like to confirm that I am willing to participate as a "Senior Investigator" and will be happy to provide counselling and scientific and technical support to help steer scientific direction at the MISSB. The Institute has great potential to succeed both locally and internationally.

I am Professor of Synthetic Biology and co-Director of the OpenPlant Synthetic Biology Research Centre at the University of Cambridge, and coordinate a Strategic Research Initiative for Synthetic Biology here. My research group has been a leader in the development of engineering systems for programming of microbial and plant cell populations. We have coordinated the adoption and publication of international community standards and developed programmes for interdisciplinary research and teaching.

My lab has a long and fruitful collaboration with MISSB investigators (Dr. Fernán Federici and Prof. Rodrigo Gutierrez), including scientific exchange and collaboration. Consequently, I am familiar with the cutting-edge Synthetic Biology and Plant Biology approaches being developed by MISSB labs, and would be happy to provide guidance and help steer research areas at the MISSB

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Haseloff', written in a cursive style.

Prof. Jim Haseloff