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Dear Mr. Menashes:

Thank you for sharing your proposal A Partnership to Restore Fish Habitat associated with the National Estuarine Research Reserve System: Applying a Restoration Science Framework. The NERR system, with its extensive coastal habitats and unique on-site science, stewardship and education staff and infrastructure, offer an excellent opportunity for a successful coastal fish habitat restoration partnership. I am writing this letter in support of your proposal and to express my interest in reviewing restoration project proposals.

Nationally, river and estuarine restoration projects lack rigorous post-project assessment and monitoring. Your proposal aims to remedy that situation. The emphasis on scientific rigor in the review, implementation and assessment of proposed projects, and the site-specific consideration of the consequences of sea level change in project selection are especially notable. The attention paid to climate change is relevant and timely, given its potential impact on coastal habitats.

I would be willing and able to serve as proposal reviewer for the Partnership. I oversee the River Restoration Program in the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game. I also have experience with salt marsh restoration and monitoring. I look forward to working with you once this proposal is funded.

Please feel free to call me at 617-626-1526 if you have questions about this letter, or email me at beth.lambert@state.ma.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beth Lambert".

Beth Lambert
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