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## **RE:** Coast Architects, Inc.

To whom it may concern:

I am delighted to write this letter of support for Coast Architects, Inc. As you may know, the Center for Lung Biology recently submitted a C06 application to the National Institutes of Health. The C06 granting mechanism funds renovation and construction projects. In our application, we proposed to renovate an existing campus facility, and add a new four-story wing that adjoins the current building. More specifically, we proposed to renovate 7,760 gross square feet of existing office space into state-of-the-art biomedical research space, and construct a 28,093 gross square foot addition housing a satellite vivarium on the first floor and dedicated biomedical research laboratories on the second, third and fourth floors. This was a highly detailed grant application, requiring complex architectural line drawings and engineering specs. We were fortunate to work closely with Coast Architects, Inc. to accomplish this task. They were attentive to the project throughout the entire grant writing experience. Not only did they provide detailed line drawings and engineering criteria for the grant, they contributed greatly to design and development of the facility. Indeed, I found them to be highly innovative in the way they approached this complex project. Based upon my direct interaction with this group, I recommend them highly. This letter comes with the highest level of enthusiasm, and is written without any reservation. If you have specific questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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