

March 30, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to state our support for Mercy Outreach Ministry International, Inc. The College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences is prepared to work collaboratively on the subject of Health and Nutrition in neighborhoods located in Washington, DC, in general, and in the Far Southeast in Wards 7 and 8, in particular.

CAUSES integrates teaching, research and community outreach with a specific focus on improving the quality of life and economic opportunity of residents in the District of Columbia. Our vision is to be recognized for enhancing urban environmental sustainability and the quality of urban life through academic and community education programs in the landgrant tradition to serve the people of Washington, DC.

We are excited about our partnership with the Mercy Outreach Ministry and our proposed HUB Site at 3536 Minnesota Ave, SE. This location fulfills one of our needs to have a HUB Site in each Ward of the City because its location. It is on a major transportation route that makes it convenient for prospective participants in our training and educational programs. Being in the heart of a residential area is important to attract the community residents that we are reaching out to inform and educate them through our community outreach programs that will be located at the premise. Not only that, Dr. Fisher and her husband have been working in that environment for the past 40 years and the community is well aware of their health activities over the years.

We are excited to support Dr. Judy Fisher's work in Ward 7 to empower individuals to make healthy food choices. Please feel free to contact me directly at 202-274-7011.

Sincerely,



Dr. Sabine O'Hara

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