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To the CIRM ARS/ICOC,

I would like to submit this letter in strong support for application INFR 6.1 #15478 PD Mostajo-Radji. As you are aware, I am a co-PD of the INFR 6.2 #15400, scored as a tier 1 application for this solicitation.

I have known Dr. Mostajo-Radji for almost a decade, collaborating both scientifically and in outreach opportunities. In my opinion, Dr. Mostajo-Radji has a unique background in stem cells, neuroscience, education and policy that would greatly contribute to the steering committee of this grant. Specifically, Dr. Mostajo-Radji has extensive experience working in science education and policy in underserved communities, often advocating and impacting the most vulnerable populations around the world. He has developed and published methods that are particularly effective at teaching biology to underrepresented students and that currently serve as standards in the field. He has worked with many multinational organizations to increase the reach of his work, including the United Nations, UNICEF and the US Department of State. Given the interest of CIRM in social impact in California, I believe that having Dr. Mostajo-Radji in the steering committee would be fundamental for the success of this project.

The SRL proposed by Dr. Mostajo Radji provides the opportunity to other faculty throughout California to increase the impact of their work through teaching community college and high school students. As stated in my original support letter for the INFR 6.1 #15478 application, I commit to working with his team to develop educational modules using brain organoids and to include this work under the broader impact sections of my future grant applications. Furthermore, I commit to promoting this opportunity to my colleagues and collaborators at UCS and beyond.

Sincerely,



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