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Charles R. Tucceri, President
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Dear Mr. Tucceri,

I am writing to express my strong endorsement of the vision and mission of HydroSun Farms, a non-profit organization run by persons with disabilities for persons with disabilities. Your goals to: 1) train and employ individuals with disabilities to grow vegetables, herbs and fruits hydroponically, and 2) helping them develop a variety of transferable skills for use in future employment in hydroponic farming and other related career fields are very worthy and appealing.

As the chair of an academic department dedicated to preparing individuals to contribute to the vocational rehabilitation of persons with disabilities, I see this affirmative business as unique and timely. Career opportunities have changed significantly in our economy. People with disabilities need to develop advanced skills in emerging industries. I believe this fits the bill.

Locally grown food, especially for urban and suburban areas without nearby farmland is increasingly in demand. The public is very interested in its health and lifestyle benefits. Furthermore, transporting food long distances results in negative environmental impacts, avoidable expenses, concomitant detriments in quality and unnecessary waste.

Of course, another very appealing feature is that HydroSun farms is a business completely driven by persons with disabilities. I see it as creating job and career opportunities for individuals who previously struggled with securing employment. Potentially, it provides a model that can be replicated locally and nationally.

I wish you good luck in your pursuit of financial resources and continued success in this very worthwhile endeavor.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth J. Gill, Ph.D., CPRP
Professor, Chair