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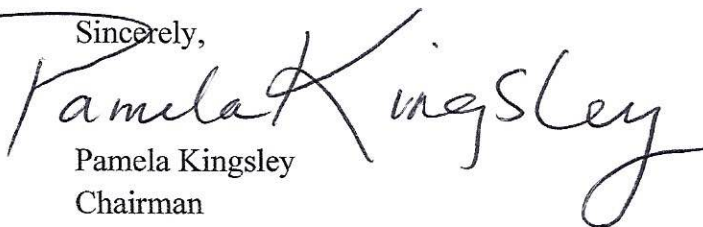
Dear Dr. Rohleder,

I am writing in support of the project proposal submitted to the Lower Hudson PRISM by Vassar College. The Town of Poughkeepsie Conservation Advisory Commission is an established volunteer organization that has been offering advisory options pertaining to environmental issues since 2018. We look forward to collaborating with the Vassar Ecological Preserve on this project, and are happy to have the interns present to our board and community during their internship.

We understand the threat of invasive species as it pertains to urban and forested lands in our area. This project will assist in educating our community about the potential impact of invasive species. We are especially interested in learning how to properly sanitize equipment, mitigate pathways where potential spread could take place, and how to generally prevent spreading invasive species in our community. We feel that education about best practices to prevent the spread of invasive species is critical to the prevention of introductions and outbreaks in our area.

The Town of Poughkeepsie Conservation Advisory Commission and the Vassar Ecological Preserve are both committed to assisting and creating sound management decisions and providing insights as they pertain to the environment. We look forward to creating an educational experience for our board and community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Kingsley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Pamela Kingsley

Chairman

Town of Poughkeepsie Conservation Advisory Commission