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To the Biodiversity Collections Network,

I was delighted to read your recently pleased vision document “Extending US Biodiversity Collections to Promote Research and Education.” GBIF—the Global Biodiversity Information Facility—is an international network and research infrastructure funded by the world’s governments and aimed at providing anyone, anywhere, open access to data about all types of life on Earth. The US biodiversity community is a critical component of GBIF network and we share a vision the future of biodiversity collections.

I am writing to express the support of the GBIF Secretariat. We endorse the document and the goals of BCON and look forward to working with the community to bring the document to reality.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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