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BCoN Advisory Council Biodiversity Collections Network c/o American Institute of Biological Sciences

Dear BCoN Advisory Council:

As Director and Curator of the Moore Laboratory of Zoology at Occidental College and a member of the Natural Science Collections Alliance, I am writing in support of the vision to extend U.S. biodiversity collections to promote research and education, and I fully support the urgent need to establish the Extended Specimen Network to advance and enhance biological collections.

Sincerely,

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