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Neil Woodworth  
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Dear Neil;

On behalf of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University, I simply wanted to express my sincere thanks to you and to the Adirondack Mountain Club for being so supportive of our efforts to explore a biocontrol method for hemlock woolly adelgid. As you know, this is a particular passion of Marc Whitmore but it is shared by our entire Department of Natural Resources faculty who are committed to assisting in the "fight" against invasive species and a restoration of our forest ecology.

Without your strong and committed leadership, there's simply no way this project would have come to fruition. I recognize how much time you put into the educational and advocacy efforts, and I really wanted to simply say how much your leadership and organizational support was valued by the entire College and certainly by me.

Thank you again for the partnership. I'm really looking forward to this being a successful project. We have the finalized contract, but I'm also happy to share that our facilities people have already begun work on the lab. I've asked for a photo, and I'll share that your way once done (and hopefully we can jointly construct a good tour opportunity in a few months' time).

Thank you, again, and please do pass along a thank you to Karen Feldman as well, whom I only know by reputation but greatly, sincerely appreciate her support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie C. Suarez".

cc: Marc Whitmore