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Jennifer Phillips-Vanderberg  
Director, Lake Michigan Bird Observatory  
116 W. Grand Ave., Ste. 111  
Port Washington, WI 53074

RE: Expanding Nature-Based Solutions through the Urban Bird Treaty Program (WI)

Dear Dr. Phillips-Vanderberg,

On behalf of \_\_\_[add the organization or agency you are affiliated with]\_\_\_, I am writing to express my support for the Lake Michigan Bird Observatory’s “Expanding Nature-Based Solutions through the Urban Bird Treaty Program (WI)” proposal to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation’s Coastal Resiliency program. This project will create an implementation plan to incorporate multi-species benefits into green infrastructure as part of Milwaukee’s Urban Bird Treaty program. Projects will enhance green infrastructure projects by benefiting wildlife and support resiliency through urban wildlife conservation efforts.

The \_\_\_[ add the organization or agency you are affiliated with]\_\_\_ will be a partner in the project, to develop a plan that overlays the needs of wildlife, with a focus on declining pollinators and birds, that will build off existing infrastructure resiliency plans. This will be done in the context of the Urban Bird Treaty (UBT) program, which “supports city partners in conserving birds and their habitats and providing opportunities for community engagement in bird-related recreation, education, and conservation activities in urban and suburban areas”. By aligning wildlife habitat with community interests and leveraging nature-based solutions, the project will support more resilient ecosystems and communities and enhance biodiversity in metropolitan Milwaukee.

Additionally, \_\_\_[add the organization or agency you are affiliated with]\_\_\_ will share their expertise and connections to their stakeholders to ensure the project aligns with local concerns and values. As a partner, \_\_\_[add the organization or agency you are affiliated with]\_\_\_ will attend planning meetings including those with community residents and assist with creating awareness about the Urban Bird Treaty mission to achieve program goals. While the project will benefit communities across the Metro Milwaukee Region, additional focus for engagement and future implementation will be on underserved and vulnerable areas of the region and we are excited for the opportunity to do so with the Lake Michigan Bird Observatory. We will support this project through contributions of \_\_\_\_\_ [Modify as appropriate. Feel Free to expand however you would like. Especially If this does not correctly characterize your interests in the project] and \_\_\_\_\_ that can be used as match.

For these reasons, I strongly support LMBO’s “Expanding Nature-Based Solutions through the Urban Bird Treaty Program (WI)” proposal.

Sincerely,

[Printed Name]

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