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To whom it may concern:

I strongly support the Community Assessment and Sustainability Inventory (CASI) project. CASI is fundamentally necessary if we are to transition to a more sustainable future.

As a professor at the University of Arizona, I conduct research, teach, and perform outreach. During the last decade, my efforts in these three arenas have focused on global climate change and energy depletion. I have come across no finer effort than CASI to deal with these grave threats to civilization and our species.

CASI places Tucson squarely at the forefront of international efforts in sustainability: It enables Tucson to become the first major city to demonstrate and model steps to a sustainable future. As such, I strongly endorse the idea and the project. CASI will, for the first time in a major city, require us to account for our sources of water, food, shelter, and interpersonal interaction, while also requiring us to account for the waste we produce. As if such a complex model of inputs and outputs were not a Herculean task, CASI represents an opportunity to account for these inputs and outputs within the context of ongoing climate change and energy depletion. What an inspiration!

I eagerly anticipate becoming involved in CASI as it is launched. As part of my involvement, I look forward to participating in relevant workshops, and also to procuring and providing data from the University of Arizona to support the initiation and development of CASI.

In summary, I strongly support CASI and hope you will, too. Please let me know if I can provide clarification or additional information.

Sincerely,



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