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Re.: Letter of Support for The Beaver Institute

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in support of The Beaver Institute on behalf of Beavers: Wetlands & Wildlife (BWW), an educational nonprofit that has focused on solving conflicts between people and beavers for 29 years. We believe that The Beaver Institute will act as a catalyst to advance progress in coexisting with this key species and increasing public awareness of the beaver's critical environmental role.

We have known Michael Callahan, Executive Director of The Beaver Institute, since 1999 when he gave a program about Pioneer Valley Wetlands Volunteers, a group formed to help those with beaver problems, at BWW's Coexisting with Beavers conference. Since then, we have been impressed with Callahan's leadership in creating both Beaver Solutions, his business that has installed over 1,300 successful beaver flow devices, and more recently, the Beaver Management Forum on Facebook that now has over 500 followers. Therefore, we fully support this worthy new endeavor.

Sincerely,

Owen J. Brown, PhD, President