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To whom it may concern

I am an Associate Professor at University of Florida's (UF) Rinker School of Building Construction. I have trans-disciplinary training and professional research in both the design and construction of sustainable building systems. My credentials include a bachelor's degree in Building Economics (Quantity Surveying), a Master's Degree in Architectural Technology and a Doctorate in Civil and Building Engineering. I have worked as an Engineering and Innovation Analyst in Kenya, United Kingdom and the US.

Part of the research work that I have been doing since joining UF in 2005 focuses on low cost building technologies. Through funding from the National Science Foundation, my research students and I have been investigating different options for optimizing the performance of green technologies. Many of the existing approaches for attaining low cost masonry systems perform poorly in the field. The non-engineered nature of such approaches is reflected in their low mechanical and durability performance. Based on the lab-based tests my students and I have done on the Titan Block System, we believe that it has great potential for use as a sustainable and durable masonry construction system.

Kind Regards,



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