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Dear Mr. Jefferson,

I am writing to thank you for your recent visit to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and for the presentation on your plans for Cambia and for the BIOS initiative in particular. We found that your ideas and practical proposals offered important insights for our own consideration of how to move towards more effective analysis and use of patent information, both for policymakers and for those seeking to access and use new technologies. Your specific focus on enabling technologies with application in the field of agricultural biotechnology is, of course, a priority for the policy and practical contexts alike.

As I mentioned, we are convening a working group within the WIPO Secretariat to explore possible areas of direct cooperation and coordination, and we will be in further contact with you to elaborate the details. For now, however, I wanted to signal to you that we are interested in the project, both as a conceptual advance and as a practical tool that could realize much of the latent value of patent information. As you marshal the necessary resources to establish the BIOS project as a viable program, you can count on our ongoing practical support and appropriate in-kind contributions, as well as exchanges on policy and legal issues. We would be pleased to discuss the project from our perspective with any funding agency that is considering direct financial input to the project.

I look forward to catching up again in the near future, and wish you well in the critical early phase of this initiative.

Yours sincerely,

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