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To whom it may concern,

It is with great pleasure that I offer my heartfelt endorsement of Global Biohazard Technologies (GBT) for any biosafety or biocontainment related consulting activity. In my role as a Program Officer for the Office of Biodefense Research Affairs (OBRA) I have worked very closely with Mr. Ron Trower and Dr. Jack Keene over the past four years. Mr. Trower and Dr. Keene have served as the principle biosafety consultants for a \$500,000,000 plus construction grant program for which OBRA has oversight responsibility.

Our National and Regional Biocontainment Laboratory (NBL and RBL) Grant Program has funded the design and construction of fifteen separate biocontainment laboratory facilities located at public and private research institutions nationwide in support of a U.S. Federal Government sponsored Biodefense research effort. All of the laboratory facilities funded under the NBL and RBL Program are primarily made up of high level containment BSL3 labs, ABSL3 animal holding suites and associated support areas, two of these facilities, the National Biocontainment Labs, also contain facilities designed to support maximum containment BSL4 and ABSL4 research efforts. Mr. Trower and Dr. Keene have supported, and are continuing to support, OBRA with their consulting expertise in the oversight of that design and construction effort since the first grants were awarded on September 30, 2003.

Not only does GBT offer excellent biosafety experience credentials, *between them Mr. Trower and Dr. Keene have logged well over 80 years of experience in all aspects of the laboratory and the lab animal biosafety industry*, I have found them both to be individuals of impeccable character who command the respect of everyone that has had the opportunity to work with them. If anyone considering GBT for consulting work would like to call me for a more elaborate discussion of their participation in our Program please feel free to do so at any time, it is difficult to express in letter form the intangible benefits and level of commitment that I feel they will bring with them to any consulting project that they undertake.

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