

April 2, 2020

Dear Sara Ann Bilezikian Sustainability Fellowship,

I am pleased to have the opportunity to recommend climate organizer and graduate student Chiara D'Angelo for the Sustainability Graduate Fellowship. Chiara's lifelong commitment towards sustainability education and community engagement reflects an impressive record of achievements and learning that I am certain she will continue to deliver on throughout her life. Through my experiences working with Chiara over the past five years, I have come to recognize her as intelligent, confident, and empathetic individual.

Chiara is a proven and impactful community organizer and scholar with strategic lenses for policy development and implementation. She has a thorough understanding of state legislative dynamics and a brilliant sense of direction when it comes to navigating the political landscape of our State Capitol. Her learning and engagement is an embodied practice of someone that genuinely "walks their talk" towards collectively making the more sustainable world they know is possible.

This Fellowship would allow Chiara to pursue her graduate research in ways that would benefit our movements and communities in the Pacific Northwest, with influence internationally. I have witnessed Chiara in many capacities—as a student, field organizer, campaign strategist, and policy development expert—and I believe she will maximize upon this fellowship and make the absolute most out of the resources provided to her.

Thank you for understanding the urgency and importance of the work that Chiara engages in and facilitates towards sustainability education and social change. I can guarantee that if you support her work through this fellowship that you will be supporting the work of one of the brightest climate organizers and policy experts to come into the field.

I can attest that the broader movement and the diverse communities that its success requires are prepared to partner with Chiara as she oversees the policy research, public participation, and organizing associated with her application. If I can provide any further information on my recommendation for Frank, please contact me at 360-510-4829.

Sincerely,

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