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Dear Professor Horn,

It is with great pleasure that I write this enthusiastic letter in support of Distinguished Laureate Professor Ravi Naidu's candidacy for President-Elect of the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS). As Chair of the Cooperative Research Centre for Contamination Assessment and Remediation of the Environment (crcCARE), which he founded and has successfully led since its establishment in 2005, I have witnessed firsthand Professor Naidu's exceptional leadership and contributions both in my role as a senator in the Australian federal parliament and now in my current role.

Professor Naidu serves as the CEO and Managing Director of crcCARE, as well as its Chief Scientist. crcCARE is the sole Australian Centre of Excellence dedicated to environmental contaminants, soil health, and soil productivity, alongside developing innovative technologies for the remediation of contaminated sites. Under his leadership, crcCARE has achieved global recognition in science, policy, and capacity building.

In closing, I must emphasise Professor Naidu's sustained energy and prolific output. His record of publications, awards, committee work, and business ventures is extraordinary. It is remarkable how he consistently maintains such a high standard of excellence in all his endeavours. I firmly believe that Professor Naidu's comprehensive portfolio of research leadership in the university setting is unparalleled.

I am confident that the IUSS will greatly benefit from Professor Naidu's vision and leadership and know crcCARE will provide financial support to him as required to deliver on his duties should he be elected President. I strongly urge the committee to consider his candidacy positively. He is highly respected and appreciated by colleagues worldwide and maintains an extensive network of like-minded researchers who, I believe, would wholeheartedly support his candidacy.

Yours sincerely,



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