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Letter of Support for the InnoMatSafety Proposal

Dear Dr. Haase,

It is with pleasure that I write this letter of support for your InnoMatSafety proposal. This grant application in the NFDI context covers a key area of materials safety and the research data that are collected in this field. As a former chief evaluator of Leibniz-Institutes for Scientific Information provisioning (“Fachinformationszentren” like ZBMED, TIB or FIZ Karlsruhe) I am fully aware of the need for better research data management in general and in the specific area in focus of InnoMatSafety in particular. We are working already closely with one of your key partners (Fraunhofer ITEM in Hannover; with expertise in applied toxicology) and I see the urgent need to coordinate a broad spectrum of expertise in toxicology, material sciences and data science in order to really move forward with research data management in this domain. Your InnoMatSafety consortium represents a perfect blend of these expertise and I do expect that the unique combination of partners will actually “walk the talk” and get modern research data management principles established in the material science and toxicology domain.

Should you need any support from our side (e.g. informal discussions on data retrieval, indexing, metadata annotation, domain ontology construction, information extraction in biology, toxicology or chemistry or any other aspect of modern research data management), I shall be happy to support your consortium with my expertise. Please feel free to contact me anytime.

I wish you success with your application.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping horizontal strokes followed by a circular flourish on the right side.

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