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Dear Ken,

I am writing to say I will be glad to work with you on the subject of this grant proposal “Navigating Genetic Redundancy in Complex Genomes.” I have worked closely with you in the past and we currently co-mentor several graduate students together on related projects. In addition, we have published together on papers that have appeared in *Science* and *Genome Research*. Thus, we have a successful and productive ongoing collaboration and I am quite interested in the computational aspects of this proposal. I will be happy to lend my relevant expertise having to do with pattern finding in biological data, database tuning, and querying tree structures to the project. I look forward to working with you and your students.

Warm Regards,

Dennis Shasha