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Re: Letter of Support for Proposed International Center for Animal Law and Policy

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to express my strong support for Professor Marita Candela's proposed International Center for Animal Law and Policy (ICALP) at your university. Your university is already known for its leadership in the animal law field, and the creation of this Center will build on this leadership and create a scholarly clearinghouse for scholars worldwide who work in this growing area of the law.

I had the pleasure of working with and meeting Professor Candela this year and I am honored to consider her a colleague and friend. She was an outstanding co-author of a chapter in my book, *What Can Animal Law Learn From Environmental Law* (ELI Press forthcoming Sept. 2015) and I have already invited her to co-author another chapter on animal law issues in my current book proposal on climate and energy justice. Professor Candela also was a gracious host during my visit to Barcelona earlier this summer. I visited Barcelona only for a few days on my way to teach a course in *Comparative Animal Law* in Granada, Spain in June, but Dr. Candela helped me feel very much at home in your city. I had the pleasure of joining Professor Steven Wise, the leading scholar and practitioner of animal law in the U.S., at a dinner that Professor Candela had arranged and funded. I was grateful for the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with two of the leading figures in the world on animal law and discuss ways in which the field needs to grow. Professor Candela and I will continue this important conversation when we see each other again in October at the Animal Law Conference at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon. I am eager to be a resource in whatever way I can to support this proposed International Center for Animal Law and Policy. It represents an essential step forward in establishing your university as a globally recognized leader in advancing the study of animal law and policy.

Thank you for your consideration of this important proposal.

Sincerely,

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