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Reply to Attn of:

Science Mission Directorate

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NASA has received a description of the following mission, which has been identified as a mission that will be proposed to the European Space Agency (ESA) for consideration as a Cosmic Vision mission, as well as a description of the mission's science objectives.

Mission: Cosmic Origins Explorer (CORE)

Letter requested by: Shaul Hanany (University of Minnesota)

NASA is aware of this proposal and acknowledges that its science objectives are aligned with the 2010 Science Plan for NASA's Science Mission Directorate (available at http://science.nasa.gov/about-us/science-strategy/).

This letter may be included in the proposal that is submitted to ESA. NASA has not provided ESA with a copy of this letter. NASA will enter into discussions with ESA about support of selected proposals at an appropriate time.

Sincerely,

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Chief Scientist

Science Mission Directorate