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Dear Gail:

I am writing this letter of support for Vallerye Mosquera to participate in the research project titled, "Assessment of Farmworker Communities and Residential Sites for Risk of Heat Stress" that is being submitted to the Agricultural Sustainability Institute. As Vallerye's advisor and GSR mentor, I am very familiar with her academic work and research interests. I meet with Vallerye on a regular basis to discuss her classes and research interests related to immigrant rights. In addition, Vallerye has served as a GSR for me since June of 2010. This includes organizing focus groups of non-profit organizations that serve immigrant and refugee communities in the Sacramento region, as well as conducting a literature review for another research project that focuses on multi-ethnic communities.

Through this work Vallerye has demonstrated her many skills such as project organization, technical writing, and knowledge of the research topic. In addition, she is professional in her interaction with others and completes tasks in a timely manner. In sum, Vallerye is a wonderful fit for the project and I am confident she will be a valuable asset to the team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Rios".

Michael Rios, PhD
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