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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Letter of Support for EPSRC Capital Equipment Bid from University of Cambridge

The Winton Programme would like to add strong support for the ESPRC Capital Equipment bid in the area of Advanced Materials by the University of Cambridge. This proposal is very closely aligned with the goals of the Winton Programme to enable research that is aimed to generate the new technologies and industries needed to meet the demands on our already strained natural resources.

The Winton Programme for the Physics of Sustainability, has been established though the pledge of £20m to the Cavendish Laboratory. This gift, the largest donation to the Laboratory since its creation in 1874, has started a new programme in the physics of sustainability. This programme is already funding a number of Scholars (thirteen) and Advanced Research Fellows (four) and will be supporting departmental Lectureships (two) in a range of areas with a strong component on materials research for energy related applications. The new Maxwell Centre, which is where the proposed capital equipment from this bid will be housed, will be the focal point of both Winton and other research and significant funding from the Winton Programme will be deployed to develop and support the facility.

For the capital equipment proposed by this bid, the Winton Programme will provide funding for technicians and related support staff. These resources will be utilised to assist with setting up these new systems in a timely manner at the Maxwell Centre.

The Winton Programme is excited at the opportunities that the equipment from this bid will bring to accelerate research in advanced materials that can lead to breakthroughs that can have a significant impact on our society.

Sincerely

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