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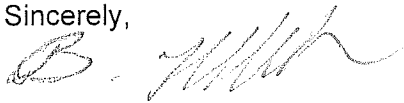
Dear Neil,

I am writing to express the commitment of the Maryland University Libraries to providing staff time, computing resources, and technical infrastructure to support data curation and preservation services for grant projects undertaken by the Maryland Institute for Technology in the Humanities (MITH).

The Libraries have a strategic interest in developing and maintaining services and infrastructure to support the sustainable management of research data created by scholars affiliated with MITH and the University of Maryland. Our current agenda includes provision of secure data storage and backups provided in concert with the Office of Information Technology, basic bit preservation and file format migration as well as development of service models to provide consultations with researchers related to data management planning and best practices.

Your activities in the area of digital research will complement the Libraries' commitments to the development of a robust research agenda in data management, digital preservation, and digital collections more broadly. Please do not hesitate to involve us in your internationally-recognized efforts in digital humanities.

Sincerely,



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