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**Sent:** Tue, 22 Aug 2017 17:38:57 -0400  
**Subject:** Re: Draft note to Science Philanthropy Alliance  
**To:** Eddy Rubin <erubin@metabiota.com>  
**Cc:** Dennis Carroll <dcarroll@usaid.gov>, Jonna Mazet <jkmazet@ucdavis.edu>

Hi Eddy,  
Thanks for confirming, Dennis will be back in the office tomorrow and we can move this forward.

Best,  
Cara

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On Tue, Aug 22, 2017 at 5:04 PM, Eddy Rubin <[erubin@metabiota.com](mailto:erubin@metabiota.com)> wrote:

Hi Cara

My thought was that Dennis would send Science Philanthropy Alliance a version of the draft note I provided him with.

Eddy

On Thu, Aug 17, 2017 at 9:26 PM, Eddy Rubin <[erubin@metabiota.com](mailto:erubin@metabiota.com)> wrote:

Hi Dennis,

The Science Philanthropy Alliance has several foundation partners and so they are sort of a philanthropy brokerage.

As I mentioned on the GVP call we went to them last time we had an ask for 3 Billion + and it might be useful to have them think of us again with a more realistic ask. I thought that Valerie was very knowledgeable and would at least offer us some advise. Below is a draft not that if you thought it is useful you might send.

Eddy

A draft of a possible note to Marc Kassner President and Valerie Conn Executive Director

Dear Marc & Valerie

A group of us visited with you at the Science Philanthropy Alliance earlier this year in late January to discuss the Global Virome Project. To refresh your memory, this is a large project focused on capturing the metadata and sequences of a significant fraction of the viruses that exist in wildlife that have the potential to jump to humans. The project's central aim is to convert virology into a data rich field so that we can begin to proactively plan for viral

outbreaks and pandemics. The project has advanced and in some ways morphed since we met and I thought that the changes might serve as a reason for us to talk again.

While we had initially expected that it would be a global project funded from a central source several countries have decided that they want to participate and are poised to begin national virome projects and China has already funded and is soon to be generating data for a Chinese Virome Project. What there is now a need for is no longer the funding of the data generation but rather a coordinating non-governmental center or "hub" linked to the national virome projects that are emerging. This is necessary so that the national virome activities are deeply linked to the global project to ensure that the standardization and synergy of the massive data collection is maximized. The hub will contain components of the project that needs to be centralized such as organizational components, governing structures, advisory boards, legal and ethical activities, technology and standards committees and data platforms.

We are now looking to foundations to support the hub and wonder whether playing a leadership role in the Global Virome Project might fit the agenda of any of the Science Philanthropy Alliance's partners. If you have additional questions or thoughts I would be very happy to follow up

Best,

Dennis

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Hi Eddy,  
I wanted to circle back on this and see if this was still an outstanding item for action or if you and Dennis had followed up?

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