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**To whom it may concern,**

**Letter of Interest with respect to THAW:** *“Trends and Hazards in Arctic Warming: Climate change and greenhouse gas emissions from Arctic permafrost regions”*

I am writing to state my strong support for the proposed THAW project to be submitted under the EU 7 Framework Programme.

The goal of the proposal is to improve the understanding of the vulnerability of Arctic permafrost to climate change, and estimate the implications of this on the global greenhouse gas concentrations and the future climate.

We consider the proposed project as very valuable to our activities in the field of permafrost forest and tundra dominated ecosystems using two stations (Spasskaya Pad & Chokurdakh). Especially significant is the improved collaboration between the permafrost scientific communities, the atmospheric scientific communities and the climate prediction communities.

Best regards,



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