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To whom it may concern,

I am the founder and president of Rechenkraft.net e.V., the first volunteer-driven non-profit association for citizen cyberscience, founded in Germany in 2005. I am also the principal investigator of the RNA World project which, together with Yoyo@home, is the second volunteer computing project that Rechenkraft has developed. A third project is currently in preparation.

I am writing this letter on behalf of our association to state our support for the Citizen Cyberlab proposal. As the members of Rechenkraft.net can attest, the opportunity to learn about, and contribute to, cutting-edge science is a very strong motivator for participation. Citizen Cyberlab has the potential to increase that motivation even more, by providing volunteers with a better learning experience, and some meaningful recognition for their creative inputs. This will surely help the science behind the projects advance more quickly, too, and at the same time represents a sustained broad-scale educational investment addressing the general public.

I believe Citizen Cyberlab is one of the first projects that is really tackling citizen cyberscience from the volunteer perspective, and I gladly accept the invitation to represent the volunteer community on the scientific advisory board of the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Weber", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

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