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Bill and John,

First I want to say thanks for your leadership and guidance not only for DARPA, but the significant accomplishments that you have achieved in bioenergy over the years. It has been challenging and imperfect, but it has been fun and rewarding.

IF we are successful in securing the DARPA funding, could I ask you to consider funding a graduate student that might focus on the potential to transfer insect, herbicide and/or disease traits from sorghum to sorcane? I would also like to ask you a favor and allow me to engage and provide oversight of this student that would be an student appointment in one or both of your labs.

If you possible, I would like to discuss in person with both of you.

Thanks for considering.

Bill