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Candace Holman  
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Dear Ms. Holman,

I am writing to endorse the participation of MIT's Plasma Science and Fusion Center in the "PIC-SER" campus trials being offered by the Presence and Integrated Communications Working Group of Internet 2. Our laboratory has had a long-standing interest in development of technologies which enhance interpersonal communications, particularly in support of remote participation on magnetic confinement experiments. Currently we are part of the "National Fusion Collaboratory" a multi-institutional project, funded by the US Department of Energy, which has as one of its goals, the improvement of scientific productivity through the deployment of advanced communications tools. In recent months we have begun work on integrated communications in a wide ranging group of educators and researchers on the MIT campus in an effort coordinated by our Information Services organization. I'm confident that our computing and networking staff have the necessary expertise to make use of the opportunity provided by these trials.

Sincerely yours,

Miklos Porkolab