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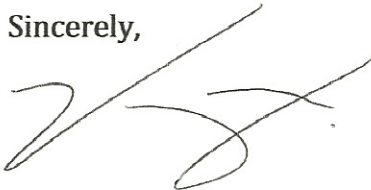
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W. Gaertner', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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*(In representation to the co-authors Mary Kwaan, Robert Madoff, and Genevieve Melton-Meaux).*