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The Honorable Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission
U.S. International Trade Commission
500 E Street, S.W., Room 112A
Washington, D.C. 20436

Re: *In the matter of Certain Bio-Layer Interferometers*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1344

To whom it may concern:

I am Eminent Professor and the Dorian and John Blackmon Chair in Biomedical Science at Florida State University (FSU) College of Medicine. I am writing in response to the International Trade Commission's Notice, dated March 11, 2024, requesting that interested members of the public file submissions addressing certain issues regarding public interest.

In my laboratory at FSU, we conduct basic research to elucidate the mechanisms of DNA synthesis, DNA lesion bypass, and base excision repair. As a part of our work, we are investigating ways to improve our understanding about how DNA polymerases bind to both normal and damaged DNA, and this research involves using Gator Bio's Gator Plus instrument and Streptavidin (SA) probes to bind biotinylated DNA oligomers. Consistency in our research requires using the same instrument setup across experiments. Without the Gator instrument and SA biosensors, this research would suffer setbacks, including loss of time and resources.

Our research does not involve using any of Gator Bio's probes and kits that use horseradish peroxidase (HRP), which I understand are what are at issue in the ITC investigation. If requested, to maintain continued access to the Gator Bio instruments and probes, I would be willing to certify that we do not use any of Gator Bio's biosensors and kits that use HRP.

Sincerely,

Zucal Suo, Ph.D.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Michael D. France, hereby certify that on this 5th day of April 2024 copies of the foregoing document was filed and served upon the following parties as indicated:

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