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Dear Ms. Wong:

We write this letter to acknowledge the instrumental support of Mary Ginseng House in our research activities in the area of ginseng and human health over the last 5 years.

Mary Ginseng House has generously provided many means of support. These have included expert consultation, ginseng samples for testing, use of ginseng preparation and packaging facilities, and contacts with other academic and industry collaborators. This support has made possible a number of important projects that compare the effects of Ontario grown American ginseng with other species of ginseng using rigorous clinical techniques in diabetes and hypertension. It was also invaluable in helping us complete the necessary pilot work to secure funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) to undertake the American Ginseng Evaluation for Diabetes Standardization (AGEDS) Program.

In addition to these forms of support, Mary Ginseng House has expressed interest in our upcoming projects, promising future funding opportunities.

This has been a successful partnership. We look forward to further collaboration.

Respectfully,

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