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To Whom It May Concern,

Peking University is serving as the host for China's first Solar Decathlon competition. As the host, Peking University is partnering with University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign to design a "showcase" home for the competition, which will represent the best of all components of an efficient and sustainable home. Peking University chooses University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign as a partner school based on their past experience and success in the US Solar Decathlon competitions along with their talented student body.

While the University of Illinois is preparing the design, construction drawings and specifications for the "showcase" home, Peking University is providing great aid in researching and selecting systems for the home. A majority of work such as competition graphics, logos, the website, and public education are purely collaborative and include student involvement from both Universities. Additionally, Peking University hosts University of Illinois students during their visits to China. There is a very high level of trust and commitment from all involved to design and construct the best home to date.

As a lead faculty advisor from Peking University, I am committed to continue this collaboration with the University of Illinois through the completion of this project. We plan to use this experience as the beginning to a long-lasting and valuable relationship between our universities.

Sincerely,

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