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To whom it may concern,

With this letter I intend to support CARICOOS' efforts on "Enhancing coastal intelligence in the US Caribbean". One of our tasks as a national estuarine research reserve is to develop a time series catalog of ecological and biogeochemical data within the reserve. Through a funded collaboration, CariCOOS has helped us immensely to analyze and depurate some of the System Wide Monitoring Program data set, with the purpose of reaching high quality standard before archiving and to deliver products to our stakeholders. We anticipate further collaborations with CariCOOS through these and other avenues, to further understand ecological and hydrodynamical aspects of our estuary towards developing ecological forecasting tools in the region.

As an educational facility, Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve has overlapping goals with CariCOOS in terms of outreach and educational efforts. We will continue the exchange with CariCOOS through our annual open house event, and will welcome further initiatives as described in their outreach and education plan.

Please contact me if you require further details.

