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Dear Markus

I would like to offer my full support to the Code of Conduct for Best Practices in Gene Synthesis that IASB has developed.

This code of conduct demonstrates the commitment of the gene synthesis industry to maintain the highest levels of biosafety and biosecurity.

Gene synthesis technology, like many others, has the potential to be misused. This can be minimized through careful monitoring within synthesis companies and through the education of researchers.

By bringing together synthesis companies, regulatory agencies and other parties, IASB is helping to ensure that this important technology is used safely and responsibly.

Craic Computing LLC has developed sequence screening software for use by gene synthesis companies and is working to improve the specificity of these tools. I will provide whatever support I can to the Technical Expert Group on Biosecurity that IASB has established.

With best regards,

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