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Jennifer Nielsen,  
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Dear Dr. Nielsen,

I would like to express my strong support to the nomination of Dr. David Fournier for the William E. Ricker Resource Conservation Award. Dr. Fournier has proposed a lot of useful statistical models for ecological population analyses. Furthermore, he developed very sophisticated software program AD Model Builder (ADMB). These works have given great impacts on the scientific communities, especially in quantitative fisheries scientists including me.

In fact, my most recent scientific activities on the fisheries population analyses and the genetic inference fully depend on the software ADMB or its variant, and thanks to its reliable algorithm as well as its fast computation, the works became highly efficient and facilitated.

Yours sincerely,

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