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Dear Dr. Aylward

With this letter I am indicating my strong support for your NIH R01 proposal “Slicer+PLUS: Collaborative, open-source software for ultrasound analysis.”

3D Slicer has become an important tool in my research toolbox. It has a well established and supportive community, it is high-quality open-source software, and it provides the functionality that I need for analyzing medical images for my NIH-funded research.

For these and numerous other reasons, I strongly encourage the NIH to support your proposal.

Best regards,