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Dear Dr. Gattuso,

On behalf of the Surface Ocean-Lower Atmosphere Study (SOLAS), we are pleased to support the proposal you are preparing in response to the European Commission's call on "Ocean acidification and its consequences".

As you know, SOLAS is concerned with understanding the physical and biogeochemical interactions between the atmosphere and ocean, particularly for those processes that interact with climate variability. Thus, it is of great importance that we increase our understanding of the implications for a projected pH decrease in the world's oceans, and your project provides a potential source of significant insight into the associated problems.

Your coordinated proposal, entitled "European Project on Ocean Acidification (EPOCA)" has research interests which cross-cut those of SOLAS, particularly elements contained within Theme 2 (WP5, WP7) and Theme 3 (WP10, WP11, WP12). Many of the proposed research institutions are also affiliated with SOLAS, and we anticipate fruitful collaboration between your project and our network.

We wish you success with your proposal, and on behalf of SOLAS we give it our full support.

Yours sincerely,

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Peter Liss
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