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Dear Prof. Kostic,

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On behalf of NICADD and SDDL (Fermilab), we would like to thank you for your past contributions and fruitful cooperation with NICADD.

(815) 753-1772

You and your group of graduate students greatly enhanced the sophistication of the die simulations. With your advice, we will sharpen our attention to the calibrator issues in the near future and, without doubt, we are better prepared now to pursue the simulation opportunities.

Thank you for your paper, "**Extrusion Simulation and Experimental Validation to Optimize Precision Die Design**," the first paper in a series concerning the simulation of extruded plastic scintillator.

Again, thank you for your invaluable help and advice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerald C. Blazey".

Gerald C. Blazey
Director, NICADD

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Victor Rykalin".

Victor Rykalin
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