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Dear IEEE New York Section and IEEE History Center,

GE Research Niskayuna, IBM Research, GE Research Syracuse, and MIT Lincoln Laboratory jointly propose an IEEE Milestone Award for the "Invention of the Semiconductor Laser." This letter of support, accompanying the proposal, authorizes the placement of an IEEE Milestone plaque for this award at the IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center. We understand that the other institutions plan to offer similar support.

I acknowledge the requirement that the IEEE Milestone plaque must be displayed at the IBM Watson Research Center in a space accessible to the public. If selected, the IBM Watson Research Center will prominently display the plaque as required.

Robert Wisnieff (wisnieff@us.ibm.com, 914-945-3424), the Senior Location Executive, will be the Watson Research Center's point of contact.

Thanks to the IEEE New York Section and the IEEE History Center for considering this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dario Gil".

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Senior Vice President & Director of IBM Research