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Dear Professor Polli,

The Climate Change Leadership Institute (CCLI) is a local non profit organization dedicated to phasing out greenhouse gas emissions and bettering our community at once. One way we help accomplish these interconnected goals is by giving annual seed grant awards to deserving allies in the pivotal solution areas of *courage, conservation, innovation, education, justice & direct action*.

CCLI and our innovation award co-presenter the Santa Fe Green Chamber of Commerce proudly present our Innovation ~ Education Award to you. Andrea, as the Social Media Workgroup, Mesa Del Sol Endowed Chair of Digital Media & UNM Professor of Art & Computer Science, you are a pioneer converging the fields of science, art, technology & environmentalism. The intersection of these fields is a vitally compelling place to work with and engage the public to deepen our understanding of the climate challenge, as well as broaden our engineering know how, quicken our spirit and strengthen our will power to bring forth solutions.

Here in Santa Fe, New Mexico we have remarkable scientific capabilities (from our connections to LANL & Sandia Labs, the Santa Fe Institute & beyond), we carry abundant artistic talents (extending well beyond Canyon Rd.), we have burgeoning technology/social media skills evident in our young people, and instilled from the nature all around us we hold progressive environmental ideals. Let's bring these multi-faceted values together -- as you are doing and inspiring us to do - to meaningfully help address global climate change in a way that lifts our economy, our community and our creativity.

The seed grant that comes with this award will support ways to do this by supporting your emerging gallery on Agua Fria and the endeavor to create an interactive ~ emblematic work of art in Santa Fe (equivalent to your Rachel Carson bridge feature in Pittsburg) that conveys our community's mission & sparks our imagination.

Congratulations and thank you for your teamwork.

Sincerely,

Robb Hirsch
Founder and Executive Director