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Dear Selection Committee Members,

This letter is written in support of Team ReCapturit in their pursuit of the Re-X Before Recycling Prize, October 2024.

I first connected with Larry via LinkedIn, two years ago, before I began in my current role as an Assistant Professor at the University of Texas at Austin. Throughout this time, Larry has shown a deep commitment to the mission of reuse and sustainability, and his work with Recapturit reflects that.

We have stayed in contact over the years, engaging in phone conversations and email exchanges. These discussions have always been insightful, as Larry is always eager to explore new ways of promoting reuse and sustainable practices in the building industry. Larry's involvement in organizations such as Build Reuse and other sustainability-focused groups demonstrates his commitment to the community and the environment.

Larry and his team at Recapturit have a clear vision for the future, while engaging folks in the present through various efforts including webinars, speaking engagements, conferences, and a new e-book all centered on promoting the importance of reuse. Their presence in the industry is felt through their dedication to educating others and raising awareness about sustainable building practices. Recapturit's marketplace is a much-needed service, providing a platform for reclaimed building materials and helping to bridge the gap between supply and demand in a circular economy. I believe in Larry's vision and Recapturit's mission. They are making a significant impact in the field of reuse, and their contributions are helping to shape a more sustainable future. Their presence at industry events and their consistent efforts to promote reuse demonstrate their leadership and influence in the community.

I strongly support Recapturit in the Re-X Before Recycling competition and believe they are well-deserving of recognition. Their work is vital, and their passion for sustainability and reuse is inspiring.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Rausch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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