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Dear Matt and Curtis:

Several months ago, you and your colleagues submitted a proposal to reuse 4 of the BABAR Fused Silica boxes from the BABAR DIRC. As you know, given that there were multiple requests for these components, as the Director of SLAC PPA and with the support of DOE OHEP, I instituted a formal process to determine how best to deploy these valuable components. A reuse committee was appointed consisting of Brian Meadows, Blair Ratcliff (Chair), Jerry Vavra, and Bill Wisniewski and proposals for redeployment of the DIRC bars were solicited. By this letter, I wish to inform you of the results of that process.

The committee instigated a process comprised of the following elements:

1. As an initial step, an expression of interest from proponents for the reuse of DIRC components was sent by email to the committee chair in November, 2013.
2. A more detailed proposal from proponents was sent by email to the committee chair by December, 2013. Though the proposals were somewhat informal, with no strict lengths or formats defined, we thank the proponents for the efforts they expended to give the clearest possible picture of their intended reuse applications. There were opportunities for questions and responses and other interactions between the committee members and the proponents during this time period. Visits to see the DIRC components at SLAC were encouraged and helped some of the proponents to better understand what would be involved in a given reuse.