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Dear Vice Provost Smith,

I am writing to request temporary center status for the Center for Software Innovation (CSI) at The Ohio State University. The CSI is being established through a generous gift to the university. The temporary status will enable Ohio State to initiate essential activities to establish the center. For example, we will recruit a center director, hire faculty, launch academic programs, create an incubator program, and host an entrepreneurship summit. Long term, the CSI will provide scholarships, graduate fellowships, research funds, and degree programs. Please let me know if I can answer any questions.

Best,

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