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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to offer my endorsement of Innovation Credit 3: UMTC in the Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX) in the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities' AASHE STARS submission. By joining the CCX, the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities demonstrated its leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions through innovative solutions.

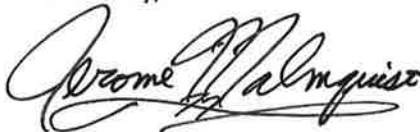
As the Director of Energy Management at the University of Minnesota, I have the responsibility for the purchase of all fuel supplies for the Twin Cities campus and the daily operations and long range planning of their distribution and use. The department I lead manages both the supply and demand sides of energy. In doing so we use the following principles to guide our activity; environmental responsibility, reliability and cost control.

Participation in the CCX allowed the University to set and reach emissions reductions goals in a new and innovative way. By becoming one of the first and largest universities in the exchange, the University of Minnesota became an example to other large universities wishing to reduce their emissions. A letter from 2008 to University President Robert Bruininks from Richard Sandor, CEO of the CCX in 2008, is included below to further highlight the significance of the University's participation and accomplishments.

Under CCX the University committed to a 6% reduction and, in large part due to steam plant renovations, reached a 34.5% reduction in emissions by 2009. By becoming one of the first universities successfully involved in the CCX, the University of Minnesota demonstrates the viability of this strategy in the university and college sector.

I support the University of Minnesota's participation in the Chicago Climate Exchange as an innovative approach to reducing emissions through a competitive, multisector, and multinational carbon market.

Sincerely,



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January 3, 2008

Mr. Robert H. Bruininks
President
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Dear Mr. Bruininks:

I send my warmest congratulations to you and the employees of The University of Minnesota on successfully completing the Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX) Phase I greenhouse gas reduction commitment of 4% below a baseline which is the annual average of the years 1998 to 2001. As a Member of the Chicago Climate Exchange, you have complied with the most rigorous standards for greenhouse gas emission reductions available in North America today. I commend The University of Minnesota on this outstanding undertaking as well as your leadership in promoting best practices in greenhouse gas emissions management and corporate sustainability. Your effort is admirable and deserves acknowledgment and I am pleased to recognize your achievement with the enclosed plaque.

Upon enrolling in Chicago Climate Exchange, The University of Minnesota took bold and practical leadership action to help build an international carbon reduction market at a time when leadership in this area was rare. Reflecting the contributions of CCX Members towards sound market policy and continuous improvement, Chicago Climate Exchange now includes over three hundred seventy members on five continents.

The Chicago Climate Exchange expresses its sincere appreciation for your world class environmental leadership. We congratulate The University of Minnesota for its globally important actions and we look forward to the continued success of The University of Minnesota as it extends its leadership as a Phase II Member of Chicago Climate Exchange through 2010.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Sandor
Chairman and CEO.

Enclosure
c: Mr. Jerome Malmquist

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