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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am submitting this letter of affirmation for CSU, Chico's STARS Innovation Credit – Green Building Practices & LEED Certification Course.

The Chico State Construction Management (CM) Department with support of the Construction Employers' Association developed their "Green Building Practices and LEED Certification" course over five years ago. The course explores how new buildings are designed and constructed using green building strategies. Students learn how LEED Accredited Professionals manage the building certification process of the US Green Building Council. The course also prepares students to take the USGBC LEED AP certification exam.

The course has resulted in some 80% of the CM Graduates achieving LEED AP certification. The CM Faculty member that developed the course, Prof. Lori Dixon, has also conducted workshops all over the Nation for Contractors and Designers with a high rate of attendee's, 75% range, successfully passing the LEED AP certification exam.

The Construction Management students are the project managers for Chico State's major Community Service Projects. Recent past projects include construction of 4 transition housing units for an intimate partner violence crisis intervention services all 4 houses achieved LEED GOLD Ratings. The year Community Service project the CM Students are managing is the design and construction of two duplex, 4 living units, for the Salvation Army's Adult Rehabilitation Program these buildings are being designed for a LEED GOLD Rating.

This class, its associated projects, the experience the students have and the outcome – that most students become LEED certified professionals by the end of the course – make this a truly innovative sustainability program on the CSU, Chico campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rovane Younger".

Rovane Younger, Chair

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