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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to affirm the Yale Community Carbon Fund online calculator meets the criteria of the AASHE STARS Innovation Credit. As the Community Carbon Fund Project Coordinator, I was directly responsible for the methodology, design, and function of the online calculator. The calculator is particularly innovative in that it assess greenhouse gas emissions associated with Yale related events, commuting and travel. More specifically, the calculator uses Yale building data and emission factors to accurately estimate the emissions associated with the venue and type of event hosted. Additionally, the calculator's use of Google Maps makes its interface easy to use and enhances its utility as an educational tool.

By providing the Yale community a carbon calculator that assesses their carbon impact we hope that the Yale community will use the calculator as a tool for making less carbon intensive choices when it comes to event planning, commuting, and selecting transportation options. Additionally by customizing the calculator to meet the needs of the Yale community this innovative program helps members of the Yale community who are less likely to assess their carbon impact feel comfortable doing so. Finally, we are optimistic that the Yale Community Carbon Calculator will become a model for other Universities and institutions to follow.

I welcome you to take a look at the calculator: <http://yccf.sustainability.yale.edu/>. If you have further questions regarding this program please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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