

## To Whom It May Concern:

In August 2011, Yale Health, governed by Yale University, donated 38 tons of medical equipment and supplies to the Mirebalais Hospital Project in Haiti through the International Medical Equipment Collaborative (IMEC). This donation met the needs of a major public health crisis, and was aligned with Yale University's strategic plan for sustainability in that it diverted 38 tons from the waste stream. This letter shall serve as affirmation that the Yale University Medical Equipment donation to Haiti meets the criteria necessary for an Innovation Credit for the AASHE STARS assessment.

As a Senior Project Manager at Yale Health, I was a member of a committee that planned and coordinated our move from one facility to another over the summer. There was no plan for the equipment we would not move other than disposal. I obtained leadership and legal approval for a donation, identified a worthy recipient, worked through the inventory of items available for donation with IMEC, and served as the liaison between organizations throughout the entire process. I continue to maintain communication with IMEC as the equipment is scheduled for deployment to Haiti over the coming months.

I am extremely proud to be a part of an initiative that clearly demonstrates Yale can be a model for sustainability by simply being creative about how we dispose of what we consider "waste." Yale is a leader in both goodwill and sustainability as evidenced by this effort.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss this initiative further. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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