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TYSON LIVING LEARNING CENTER

To Whom it May Concern,

Please accept this letter as an affirmation that Washington University's Tyson Living Learning Center is an innovative building. It is one of the first two projects in the world to earn certification under the Living Building ChallengeSM, a program of the International Living Building Institute.

Widely regarded as the world's most rigorous green building program, the Living Building Challenge redefines appropriate responses to design, construction, operation and end-of-life considerations: A Living Building must generate all of its own energy through clean, renewable resources; capture and treat its own water through ecologically sound techniques; incorporate only nontoxic, appropriately sourced materials; and operate efficiently and for maximum beauty. To achieve 'Living' status, all program requirements must be met and proven through a full year of operation.

The Tyson Living Learning Center embodies these characteristics, and serves as a unique model for other academic institutions to follow because of its dual role as a classroom facility and an educational tool.

Sincerely,

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