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CARE-Cornell Innovation Credit Verification Letter

Dear AASHE Program Staff:

I'm pleased to attest to appropriateness of the CARE-Cornell partnership for an AASHE innovation credit in the sustainable economic development arena.

I serve on the President's Sustainable Campus Committee at Cornell, and as someone who has been involved with CARE-Cornell nearly since its start I can certify that the project meets the criteria of a truly innovative program in sustainability.

We believe the partnership, formed in 2012, is unique among academic institutions in that it pairs researchers at Cornell directly with CARE staff on the ground in countries around the world, funding joint academic-field staff teams who work together to deliver science-based, sustainable solutions to critical challenges facing people and the environment in the poorest nations. The program focuses on the most vulnerable populations, women and families. CARE-Cornell funded two potentially ground-breaking projects in 2012, and will soon to issue an RFP for the next round. This link here has more details:

<http://www.sustainablefuture.cornell.edu/collaborations/CARE-CU.php>

Partnerships like these are important to speed the delivery of science to where it is needed most, while providing quick feedback loops to researchers whose newly-developed techniques, technologies and approaches can be more quickly field tested with the help of CARE staff. The grant program, the Impact through Innovation Fund, is truly innovative. We intend it to be a model for other partnerships between the university and NGOs moving forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lauren Chambliss".

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