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RE: STARS Innovation Credit Verification Letter

I'm delighted to have the privilege to present the Green Garage Certification (GGC) of the Forest Home Garage at Cornell University for the STARS Innovation Credit. Cornell is the first university to be recognized as a forward-thinking institution shaping tomorrow's sustainable mobility network.

Inspired by the LEED certification, the Green Parking Council (GPC) and many industry experts developed the world's only rating system defining and recognizing sustainable practices in parking structure management, programming, design and technology. The GGC promotes energy efficiency, reduced environmental impact, efficient space management, and integration of mobility options and technology.

Constructed in 2009, Forest Home is a 254 space garage located under the LEED Platinum certified Human Ecology Building. Electric Vehicle charging stations, building systems commissioning, nearby public green space, and a highly efficient LED lighting system are just a few highlights that contribute to the certification. Covered bike parking, a tire inflation station, close proximity to transit, and recycling are a few additional contributing factors. We are extremely proud of our accomplishment because obtaining certification for an existing facility proves much more difficult than for those of new construction.

Prior to January 15, 2016, the Green Business Certification Inc. (GBCI), the certification body for the LEED green building rating system, provided third party verification of application for GGC. GBCI now administers the GGC through its acquisition of the GPC. Not only does this shift further legitimize the GGC program, it also furthers GBCI's mission to recognize excellence in green performance, business, and practice. It affirms that parking and sustainability are not mutually exclusive concepts.

As a member of the Board of Directors for the Green Parking Council and the International Parking Institute, a member of the Sustainable Transportation Advisory Council to GBCI, and a GGC facility owner, I assure you that the process for certification is rigorous and comprehensive. We are very proud of our pioneering accomplishment and feel strongly that it is deserving of the STARS Innovation Credit.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bridgette Brady".

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