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RE: Campus Mattress Reuse Program

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is being submitted in support of the University of Notre Dame's STARS documentation for the innovation credit regarding the Campus Mattress Reuse Program. This program is a representation of how divisions across campus are working together to improve sustainability for Notre Dame. Several campus offices realized the need to dispose of these mattresses, and instead of landfilling them, devised a plan to benefit local agencies in the South Bend Community.

The reuse program saved over 17,000 pounds of waste from our landfill and \$1,500 in recycling costs to the University. The agencies that benefitted include Hope Ministries, the YWCA, Church Lady and Friends Outreach Ministries, AIDS Ministries, Mishawaka Food Pantry, Inc., Life Treatment Center, Boy Scouts of America and St. Vincent de Paul.

The University of Notre Dame's Campus Mattress Reuse Program, in my opinion, meets the criteria expected for innovation credit.

Sincerely,
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