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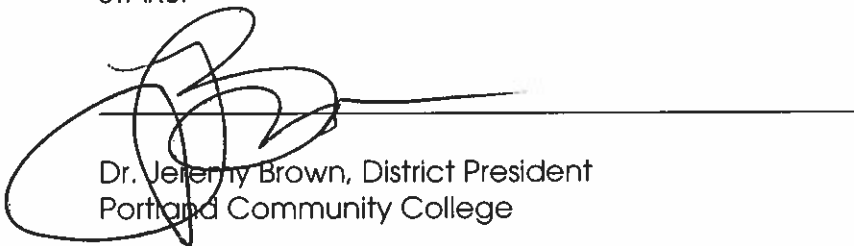
Association for the Advancement of
Sustainability in Higher Education
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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in support of the recent submission by Portland Community College (PCC) to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Sustainability Tracking and Assessment Rating System (STARS). PCC has been a leader in sustainability in higher education, beginning in 2006 when PCC signed on with the American Colleges and Universities Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC). By signing on with the ACUPCC, our institution committed to created and updating a greenhouse gas inventory, creating and updating a Climate Action Plan, and annually reporting on our sustainability progress.

Since PCC's 2012 STARS submission, much progress has been made on the sustainability front. We completed our fourth greenhouse gas inventory which details out the impact of our supply chain emissions. This methodology has not been completed at any other community college to date, and has been replicated at other four-year institutions multiple times. Also in 2013, PCC updated our second Climate Action Plan. PCC is currently at a Silver level rating within the STARS rating system, increasing from our 2012 Bronze certification.

We look forward to our continued partnership with AASHE, the ACUPCC as well as with STARS.

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Dr. Jeremy Brown, District President
Portland Community College