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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education 1536 Wynkoop Street, Suite 100 Denver, CO 80202

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in support of the recent submission by Portland Community College 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 I signed on with the American Colleges and Universities Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC). By signing on with the ACUPCC, our institution committed to creating and updating a greenhouse gas inventory, creating and updating a Climate Action Plan, and annually reporting on our sustainability progress.

Since 2006, PCC has completed a greenhouse gas inventory for FY06, FY08 and FY10. A greenhouse gas inventory for FY12 will be completed during fall term 2012. Within our Climate Action Plan, we committed to reducing our greenhouse gas levels 10% below 2006 levels by 2012, 40% by 2030 and 80% by 2050. PCC is currently at a Bronze level rating within the STARS rating system. We are striving to become STARS Silver level by fall term 2012.

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

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Sincerely,

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