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TO: AASHE Review Committee

FROM: Charles Adair, Program Manager, Duke Carbon Offsets Initiative

RE: Innovation Credit for University of Florida's Neutral Gator Program

Date: August 29, 2016

To the members of the AASHE Review Committee,

The Duke Carbon Offsets Initiative (DCOI) is proud to support the work of the University of Florida's Neutral UF Coalition as an innovative program that pushes the boundaries of higher education carbon offsets programs. This program is innovative in that it identifies and implements a new mechanism for funding carbon offsets through voluntary payroll deduction. In addition, it ties these \$ back to innovative offset projects developed or selected by the school.

As a leader in the field of carbon offsets, one of our biggest challenges is finding a scalable and persistent funding mechanism. UF's program charts one path for overcoming this challenge – a path that is readily available to many schools with similar climate commitments, but has yet to be taken by others.

We are proud to partner with UF on carbon offset work and we fully support this innovative program. Please feel free to contact me directly if you would like to further discuss our support for this program.

Best,

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