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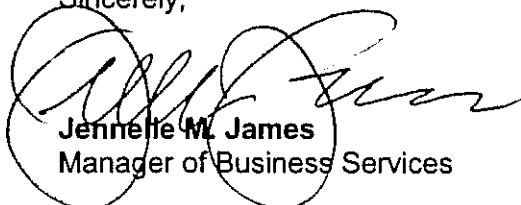
To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to submit this letter of affirmation that the information presented for credit IN-2 is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Saint Louis University strives to be innovative in many of its endeavors and the example submitted is no exception. The aim of the **Student Led Initiative – Disposable Water Bottle Reduction Plan** is to provide strategically placed water bottle filling stations across campus; thereby reducing the need/number of disposal water bottles purchased. Given that 86% of all plastic water bottles, 30 billion, end up in landfills annually, this collaborative approach is truly innovative on our campus and is especially unique and inventive in the St. Louis region at large.

My role in Business Services involves overseeing the beverage contract for the University. Unfortunately, over the past several years we have seen a steady rise in the total of disposable water bottles purchased through our Pepsi contract. Although this may seem positive from an economic perspective, environmentally, this means more waste and does not promote environmental stewardship. With the implementation of this sustainability initiative at Saint Louis University, I would anticipate a decrease in the number of bottles purchased.

Infrastructure improvements implemented through this plan illustrate real change happening in sustainability on campus; particularly since it was completed as a result of a collaboration established between students, Facilities Services and Housing & Residence Life. This initiative is an example of how members of our University are joining forces and pursuing social and environmental justice, with passion, through innovative initiatives.

Sincerely,



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