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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to submit this letter affirming the innovative work of the Bottle Ban/Hydration Stations at Pacific University. Both of these projects are student-driven initiatives through student governing bodies that reduces the amount of waste items out of the landfill and supports the mission at the University.

These programs have brought an overall emphasis and awareness of materials used at the university and the amount of waste some bottled products produce. The programs are not just about the absence of bottles, but also the reuse of personally owned water bottles instead of disposable items. In addition some health programming has taken place with the emphasis of drinking more water as the hydration stations have been placed all throughout the residence halls and University Center.

Lastly, these programs have also influenced the use of individual's coffee mugs instead of paper coffee cup products and the number of students, Faculty, and Staff using their own personal items has increased significantly during these past few months.

Each aspect of the Bottle Ban/Hydration program adds to its distinctive and groundbreaking slant to sustainability. Please contact me if I can provide any other resources or materials. I can be reached at 503.352.2181 or via email at aiello@pacificu.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ryan Aiello".

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