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To Whom It May Concern;

I am pleased to submit this affirmation letter for the Zero-Waste Program Partnership between Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado and Colorado College

The Zero-Waste program, co-created by Care and Share Food Bank and Colorado College, is truly innovative. Because of the size of our food bank and the large service area we cover, the perishability of food, and the volume of food and packaging that comes through our facility, we have the potential to create a high volume of waste through our operation. The Zero-Waste program is an adopted goal to divert this waste from a landfill by finding innovative ways in which the waste can be used and new commodity markets created, thereby developing a revenue stream for our organization. Examples of these commodities include animal feed and verifiable carbon offsets as a result of this waste diversion.

As Chief Development Officer for Care and Share, I believe that our partnership with Colorado College is invaluable for the greater benefit of the community as well as the environment. At Care and Share Food Bank, we are concerned about how our actions are affecting the community and we are committed to acting as an ethical and sustainable organization with the help of the Office of Sustainability at Colorado College. Recognition of the value of diverted waste by Colorado College towards their carbon neutrality goals and partnership towards mutual goals makes this an innovative partnership that meets the STARS® criteria for innovation.

Respectfully,

Stacy Poore

Chief Development Officer

Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado

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