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To whom it may concern,

The Sustainable Food System Coordinator position was created in 2015 for an initial 2-year period. The incumbent was responsible for identifying local food purchasing needs and opportunities and developing constructive and collaborative relationships with contracted food service providers, local food suppliers, on-campus food initiatives and academic units. The creation of such a position in Canadian universities is uncommon, yet important, considering that a university community is often composed of tens of thousands of individuals and can influence regional purchasing policies. These purchasing policies could, in turn, lead towards greater sustainability due to its important purchasing power.

Through the work of the Sustainable Food System Coordinator, Concordia University is also taking a leadership approach by working with regional and national food organizations towards this societal shift in sustainable food systems.

Sincerely,



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