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STARS Technical Review Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability for Higher Education (AASHE)
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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter of affirmation in support of the University of Washington's innovative sustainability outreach and engagement efforts which extend beyond our campus boundaries. As a leader in environmental stewardship and sustainability our University is in a unique position to engage with our local community and beyond in various sustainability events, projects and initiatives which help encourage broader environmental protection. Some of these innovations include outreach events and public lectures where we share our collective expertise in sustainability with various stakeholders. Additionally we create opportunities for our students to be placed in environmental service learning positions with local non-profits and have hired a student coordinator to manage the environmental service learning program due to the size and demand of the program. Our Biology Department also recently began to exclusively coordinate Conservation Magazine which is a national publication focused on conservation issues. These efforts, among countless others, demonstrate the ways we have moved beyond our borders to engage the community in our sustainability efforts in new and innovative ways.

Sincerely,



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