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Mr. Paul Rowland,
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RE: IN-2 Entirely Online Environmental Science Textbook

Dear Mr. Rowland,

I am pleased to affirm that, to the best of my knowledge and ability, the information presented for credit IN-2 is complete and accurate.

In late 2012, Boston University Earth and Environment Professor Cutler J. Cleveland and I published the world's first introductory textbook that is entirely online. *Environmental Science* uses technology to transcend the abilities of a traditional textbook by incorporating learning tools such as an integrated glossary, electronic highlighting, review questions, key concepts, and case studies as well as interactive video, image, and text content.

As the first entirely paperless environmental science textbook, *Environmental Science* not only provides students with a new and engaging way to learn, but also acts as a model for sustainable behavior by reducing material consumption. This forward-thinking textbook represents the kinds of initiatives necessary in academia to make places like Boston University more sustainable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert K. Kaufmann".

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