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To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to submit this letter of affirmation that the information presented for STARS Innovation Credit IN-B. It is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

The Global Development Policy (GDP) Center is University-wide center in partnership with the Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies and the Vice President and Associate Provost for Research. The GDP Center's mission is to advance policy-oriented research for financial stability, human well-being, and environmental sustainability. To fulfill our mission, we conduct rigorous policy research; provide a convening place for scholars and stakeholders; engage in policy dialogue with policy-makers, civil society, and media; and offer experiential learning for Boston University students.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a black rectangular box. The signature appears to be "K. P. Gallagher" with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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