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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-C is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Innovate@BU is a University-wide initiative creating opportunities for students to develop and enhance their entrepreneurial mindset and to build skills that will prepare them to make an impact in their careers and communities.

Using the new BUild Lab's central campus location, Innovate@BU aims to attract students from all schools and colleges interested in taking their ideas to impact. The BUild Lab was created to provide collaboration space as well as a location for delivering an assortment of programming covering all aspects of entrepreneurship and innovative thinking. We partner with various local alumni and business innovators to create a group of mentors eager to assist students as they move their ideas forward. Innovate@BU is currently developing relationships with the City of Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the local innovation community to identify important problems that students and faculty can collaborate on solving.

The team at Innovate@BU is dedicated to supporting students and student teams interested in the topic of sustainability and the variety of areas where they can make an impact. Currently, teams working in the sustainability ecosystem vary from BRUZD Foods, a CSA for less than perfect and surplus fruit and produce harvested from Massachusetts farms; to Make Fashion Clean (MFC) a fashion company training African women to design and manufacture exportable fashion created from recycled denim; to Flux Marine, a design/build business creating an outboard motor that runs on rechargeable batteries.

Additionally, Innovate@BU has collaborated with the Institute for Sustainable Energy and Greentown Labs to create the Sustainable Innovation Fellowship. This Fellow creates bridges between the University and sustainable startups in the Boston area, allowing for the sharing of knowledge and resources improving the chances that sustainable technologies successfully commercialize. Their activities also promote student involvement in sustainable innovation through mentorship, connections, and internships.

By providing an array of unique resources and interdisciplinary opportunities, Innovate@BU seeks to inspire student innovation in the BU sustainability community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerald J. Fine". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.