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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to submit this letter of affirmation that the information presented for credit IN-50: Innovation D is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Boston University piloted Keurig's [K-Cycle K-Cup Pod Recycling Program](#) (formerly Grounds To Grow On) starting in January 2019 until March 2020 when the university transitioned entirely to virtual operation. This initiative was designed to gauge departmental engagement in the University-wide effort to reduce waste and promote reuse and recycling of consumable products.

A select number of departments at BU were targeted for the pilot program. Participating departments received pre-labeled boxes from Keurig, where employees placed used K-cup pods. Full boxes were sent via UPS to a recycling site where the components of the used pods were separated for proper recycling and composting. A total of 14 departments participated for the duration of the pilot.

The K-cycle program pilot was well received by the participating departments, who have since asked to continue the program beyond the pilot. This program was, and continues to be, an easy and measurable opportunity for BU departments to contribute to the University's Zero Waste efforts.

Sincerely,

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