



CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

STARS Innovation Credit I
Letter of Affirmation
Lending Library

To Whom It May Concern,

Since Fall 2013, the Lending Library at Connecticut College has provided students with free, semester-long book rentals. This program is run by students for students in collaboration with the Office of Sustainability, the Academic Resource Center and Residential Education and Living. The Lending Library is an innovative program that addresses both textbook affordability and waste by reusing donated books on campus.

A recent addition to the program is an initiative to buy copies of expensive textbooks that are in high demand and placing them on reserve in the college library for the semester. This allows multiple students to share access to expensive textbooks. After the first semester on reserve at the library, these books go into regular circulation at the Lending Library. This initiative, which was co-sponsored by the Academic Resource Center, has expanded the reach of the Lending Library and deepened its impact.

I can attest that the Lending Library is still an active program on our campus, that it is not covered by an existing STARS credit, and that Connecticut College has not claimed this program for an innovation credit in the past.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Noel Garrett'.

Noel Garrett
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Director of the Academic Resource Center
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