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Dear Colleagues:

It is my pleasure to submit this letter of support on behalf of Iowa State University for the innovative and creative reuse opportunity for two waste streams, large outdoor vinyl banners and old marching band uniforms. Together these waste streams accounted for well over a ton of material, which historically were destined for disposal.

In my position with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, I administer a variety of financial assistance and public awareness programs all designed to support best practices as it relates to waste management. A cornerstone of these programs is diverting solid waste from Iowa landfills and promoting reuse and recycling to sustain our natural resources. Projects such as that implemented by Iowa State University clearly support the goals and programs of the Department. Furthermore it is refreshing to see this type of creativity when dealing with natural resources management.

As a result of this innovative reuse project, the totes, bags and cases produced by this project allow students, alumni and ISU supporters to carry both their belongings and school spirit.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 515-281-8623 or tom.anderson@dnr.iowa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Anderson".

Thomas Anderson
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