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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of support for Michigan State University's Green Certification Program as an innovative strategy for engaging employees to conserve resources. A year ago, when Penn State's newly formed Sustainability Office began developing its programs, we surveyed the AASHE membership and Big Ten schools and found just a few certification programs. Of the few that we found, we decided to tailor our office and lab certification programs after those at MSU.

Michigan State's Sustainability staff has developed an easy to follow, well-designed and practical program and at this point in the Big Ten, only Penn State, Indiana and Michigan State Universities have certification programs, so it is still unique. Further, the MSU staff was willing to share their information with us, allowing us to benefit from their experience in rolling out the program. We are fortunate to have such sustainability leaders!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lydia B. Vandenberg".

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