

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

January 19, 2016

Re: Michigan State University STARS 2.0 Letter of Affirmation
Innovation: Safe Sustainable Labs Committee

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to affirm that the collaborative effort known as Safe Sustainable Labs, is important and innovative work.

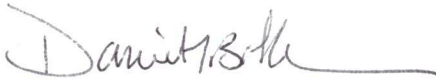
Michigan State University's Energy Transition Plan requires significant investment in energy conservation measures and new technologies in major campus buildings. By providing an opportunity for space planning and facilities staff to work together with chemical safety officers and researchers to share knowledge and build understanding, the Safe Sustainable Labs Committee allows for an integrated approach to applying these more efficient technologies to energy intensive research spaces.

Members of the Safe Sustainable Labs Committee worked together with designers for MSU's new Bio Engineering Facility, a four-story, 130,000-square-foot multi-disciplinary research building. This resulted in the inclusion of several energy conservation measures that will maximize energy efficiency in this state-of-the-art facility.

The Committee also worked with construction teams and research staff to plan and coordinate installation of centralized demand control ventilation in several research buildings on Campus. Members of the committee did significant outreach to occupants in each facility, with the goal of minimizing negative impacts of the project. After installation, facilities and chemical safety staff conducted system training with lab staff to build understanding and answer questions.

The work done by the Safe Sustainable Labs Committee is unique in that it builds relationships between departments that don't usually work with one another, and applies that collaborative energy to making MSU's research facilities more environmentally sustainable.

Sincerely,



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