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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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To whom it may concern,

Knox College is dedicated to a socially equitable world and ecologically sustainable future. Founded on principles of equality, Knox has long stood in support of each individual's ability to grow, learn, and contribute to the greater good of the community regardless of their race, gender, or financial means. A natural outgrowth of Knox's founding principles is the stewardship of the planet on which we all rely. This commitment to social and environmental sustainability has been integrated into many aspects of the College's curriculum, operations, planning, and community outreach, and the results are tangible.

The 2012-2013 school year marked significant improvements for Knox College in the field of Sustainability. Some highlights of this progress include infrastructure improvements that resulted in thousands of gallons of water savings; improved management of landscaping for chemical and water use reduction; and increases in local food purchases.

By our next submission date, we will have significantly increased the amount of local produce consumed in our dining services, thanks to the newly constructed Knox Farm High Tunnel. We will also have committed to renewable energy certificates to offset 100% of campus electricity consumption, signed the Campus Presidents' Climate Commitment, and achieved a gold rating on the Illinois Campus Sustainability Compact. Our composting program will have increased in scope and capacity.

We are proud to participate in the STARS voluntary self-reporting framework, and recognize that regular self-evaluation enables us to continuously expand and improve our sustainability practices. I affirm that the information in this report is true to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Teresa L. Amott".

Teresa L. Amott
President