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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.

In May of 2014, the President's Council on Sustainability coordinated a campus-wide effort to define the culture of Sustainability that we aim to create at Knox. Students, staff, and faculty all contributed to our official definition:

"At Knox College, we believe a culture of sustainability includes:

- Recognition that humans are part of nature and need to live in balance with Earth's ecosystems*
- Reduced consumption of natural resources to a replenishable rate.*
- Reduced generation of waste to a rate at which the environment can assimilate it*
- Decision-making that gives equal weight to natural, social, and economic systems*
- Commitment to place, including conservation and equity in distribution of local resources*

We believe that doing our part will ensure the well-being of future generations."

Over the course of the year, we began on-campus food production, refined our campus composting program to divert nearly all of the organic waste produced in our dining venues, and purchased 100% renewable electricity beginning in May 2014. We also hosted our first zero-waste event: the 2014 Commencement and luncheon. In the coming year, we plan to further a waste-free culture on campus, draft a campus climate action plan, and pursue innovative sustainable design principles in our new campus construction projects.

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