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Dear Jessica,

This letter stands to confirm the Campus Kitchen at IUPUI (CKIUPUI) as one of the best sustainability innovations at IUPUI.

The September 2014 launch of the CKIUPUI was the culmination of 24 months of teaching and learning which included the first spark of the idea, connecting with key leaders, to student involvement to collaborations with campus and community. We are the first Campus Kitchen in Indiana and the 37th in the United States.

CKIUPUI was developed with the guidance of the Campus Kitchens Project (CKP), based in Washington DC. CKP is a student-powered hunger relief program that involves the use of campus kitchen facilities when not in use for food service preparation. The combination of the donated kitchen space with donated and recovered food benefits hunger relief and is an exemplary project of food sustainability.

The IUPUI Office of Sustainability and our student leaders keep the project moving. The CKIUPUI has made significant impacts during two years of operation. The students have learned how to divert perfectly good food that would have been tossed out as food waste, prepare it into a nourishing meal and then serve it to someone in need.

The numbers point to the difference that has been made. Since opening in 2014, 501 volunteers have dedicated 1,528 hours to recover 9,989 pounds of food and prepare 4,250 nutritious meals for individuals in need. This has resulted in \$17,955 in economic value from meals and extra food provided to clients.

I hope that this letter helps you make the case that the CKIUPUI is a strong example of sustainability on the IUPUI campus as it reduces food waste and supports hunger relief.

Sincerely,

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