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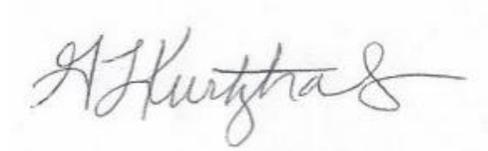
To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to submit this letter of affirmation to share that at least 30 water bottle refilling stations are installed across the Southern Illinois University Carbondale campus. Some of these refill stations have been funded by the Green Fee, which was a student-led initiative passed by the SIU Board of Trustees in 2009. Water refill stations continue to be added to campus locations as other water fountains become outdated. This summer, a new station was installed at the College of Agricultural Sciences and was a student led initiative funded by the Student Green Fee. The aim of the project is to reduce consumption of single-use plastic water bottles.

All of our water bottle refilling stations have electronic displays that track the quantity of unused plastic bottle waste. We record and monitor this data. To date, we are proud to say that we have successfully eliminated more than 870,191 plastic water bottles from the waste stream through the use of these stations. Furthermore, the Sustainability Office, in collaboration with the Environmental Studies academic program, provides free re-usable water bottles to encourage students to use the refill stations.

The Sustainability Office at Southern Illinois University Carbondale is committed to empowering transformation toward a culture of sustainability through collaborative campus-based solutions across academics, operations, research, and campus life. The water refill station initiative is an example of one of innovative solution promoting sustainability. Please contact me if there are any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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