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RE: AASHE STARS Letter of Affirmation

To Whom It May Concern:

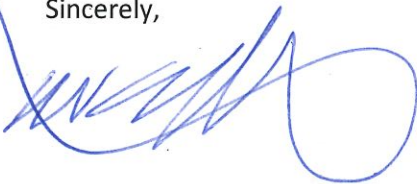
This letter affirms that Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) meets the criteria for an innovation credit for AASHE STARS 2.2. The report pertains to the Situational Awareness Response Assistant (SARA) system.

Previously, NSCC's emergency response system was inadequate, with a mix of legacy and current generation systems from various vendors operating independently and not integrated. The College also lacked an emergency communications system to broadcast messages based on specific critical situations. This resulted in slow, inconsistent, and cumbersome response management and decision support information.

However, NSCC has taken significant steps to improve student and staff safety and well-being. They have created and installed a centralized situational awareness and response management server system, which has significantly improved situational awareness and organizational response time to critical situations. Additionally, this system has significantly improved its risk management capability, specifically risk mitigation, containment, and avoidance. The SARA system has not only improved safety at all the campuses, but it has also enhanced property and asset protection and environmental risks.

The SARA system has put NSCC in a position to conform to changing regulatory and industry standards and has made them a front-runner in building occupational health and safety.

Sincerely,



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