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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Over the last several years, I have been encouraged and increasingly impressed to witness the growing interest and active involvement in several of the issues related to sustainability on the part of students, staff and faculty at the University of Alaska Southeast.

Beginning in January 2013, UAS has pursued certification under the AASHE STARS campus sustainability rating system. Under the leadership of Assistant Professor Lori Sowa and the Sustainability Committee, a comprehensive data-gathering exercise was conducted during the spring semester. Students presented their findings at the end of the semester and as a result, UAS has been classified as a reporting institution. The process continued during fall semester and has been helpful in identifying new directions for sustainability in curriculum and research goals.

I am pleased to certify the information submitted to AASHE STARS by the UAS team. The continuously evolving push toward achieving greater sustainability has my enthusiastic support. I hope to be able to continue to offer the support of my office toward these efforts as much as possible in the future.

Sincerely,

John R. Pugh Chancellor