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To Whom It May Concern:

Community Environmental Services plays a unique role in the Portland area, providing waste minimization service to dozens of public agencies for 20 years. Many agencies have grown to rely solely upon CES to carry out on-the-ground research to determine needs for- and effectiveness of service improvements. This may be one of the strongest community-university partnerships in the country.

The CES model demonstrates a cost-effective means for solving community resource challenges while dramatically enhancing sustainability training in higher education. Students who have participated in this program have become our region's top environmental leaders.

This program is definitely worthy of a STARS innovation credit. I recommend that AASHE develop a case study about Community Environmental Services as a resource for other colleges and universities. We are proud to have CES as a vital program within the College of Urban and Public Affairs at PSU.

Sincerely,



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