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Dear AASHE STARS Program Staff,

This letter serves as affirmation that California State University, Sacramento's "Don't Rush to Flush" medication disposal bin at The WELL Pharmacy project qualifies for the AASHE STARS innovation credit.

A collection bin for unused and expired medications, located in The WELL's pharmacy, is a receptacle for prescription and over-the-counter drugs, pet medications and medicated ointments from the general public and the campus. This bin was placed as a part of the "Don't Rush to Flush" campaign. Many people dispose of these items by flushing them down the toilet, where they go to wastewater treatment plants that cannot remove all pharmaceuticals. Once these pharmaceuticals make their way into the environment, they accumulate and cause innumerable damage on a multi-trophic level.

California State University, Sacramento is only the second entity in the entire Sacramento region to obtain one of these receptacles. Because of our efforts in the Take-Back program (of which "Don't Rush to Flush" is a part of) we were given the California Product Stewardship Council's Infinity Arrow award. California State University, Sacramento is the only school in California to have won this award in the last six years. Additionally, California State University, Sacramento is currently the only CSU campus to host a medication bin.

California State University, Sacramento's continued efforts in protecting our water resources by limiting pharmaceutical pollutants is a significant contribution to sustainability. We appreciate your consideration of the "Don't Rush to Flush" medication disposal bin project for an innovation credit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristina Cullen".

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