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To Whom It May Concern:


In February 2016, Sterling College installed 11 new solar trackers on its campus. With their installation, along with the two solar trackers already on campus by the Lower Dorms, Sterling joined a small group of institutions around the world that produce as much solar energy on campus as it uses in a year. The solar trackers are also an integral part of the curriculum, as Sterling students observed their installation and track its output for classwork and independent studies.

Sterling College worked closely with All Earth Renewables, the Craftsbury community, and the Vermont Agency for Natural Resources on where to site the new trackers. Neither Sterling nor All Earth Renewables sell the renewable energy credits from any excess power produced from the solar trackers. This is a wonderful step forward for Sterling College to live by its values.

I have spent my life working on issues of environmental stewardship. I am the President of Durand and Anastas Environmental Strategies, a former Secretary of Environmental Affairs for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and a former Massachusetts State Senator who was the Chairman of the Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee. I am also a former Trustee of Sterling College. I am very pleased with the installation of the new solar trackers, and support it for an Innovation Point for STARS.

Best regards,

Bob Durand
President



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