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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support Catherine Suchy of Joliet Junior College's application for recognition for recognition in the AASHE STARS program. Joliet has a program where academic departments contribute some 75% of the cost for the acquisition of copies of textbooks used for their departments' courses so that these items may be made available in the JJC library for students enrolled in those courses.

Ms. Suchy has recently conducted an informal poll of the 85 I-Share libraries (see I-Share membership list at http://www.carli.illinois.edu/membership/i-share_part) and few of the respondents are currently acquiring textbooks systematically, and none indicated the use of the joint department/library funding model in place at JJC.

Most academic libraries are simply unable to fund a program for the library to purchase of all texts in use at their campus. The joint funding model in use at Joliet appears to be innovative, and the I-Share libraries that responded to Ms. Suchy's poll expressed a great deal of interest in it.

Sincerely,



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