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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
2401 Walnut St. – Suite 102
Philadelphia, PA 19103 USA

Subject: Letter of support for STARS – Diversity in Engineering Week

Dear STARS Program Representatives,

As co-chair of Poly-Out and leader of Polytechnique's first Diversity in Engineering Week, I wish to support Polytechnique Montréal's request for an innovation credit for the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) Program.

This student initiative promotes and encourages actions that foster equality, diversity and inclusion at Polytechnique, as well as within the engineering profession and society as a whole. It is particularly meaningful in an engineering university, where women and minorities are historically underrepresented. The Diversity in Engineering Week was created to encourage dialogue. One specific innovation was an exhibition showcasing diversity at Polytechnique, where student pictures and brief testimonials were exposed in the most frequented hallway of the university. These portraits illustrated not only the diversity of our student body but also allowed the students to express their hopes of changing the world through their practice of the engineering profession.

I feel that this initiative constitutes a valid contribution by the students of Polytechnique Montréal in the Innovation category of the STARS program.

Best regards,

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