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## SUSTAINABILITY

To Whom It May Concern:

As Director of University of Washington Sustainability, I am writing this letter of affirmation in support of the UW's Green Laboratory Certification Program. The Green Labs program has brought increased campus awareness to the University.

The Green Labs program has seen rapid growth since its introduction in 2013, both in the number of participating labs and the resources provided. At the end of the 2013-2014 school year, 17 labs had been certified under the program. By the end of the 2014-2015 school year, that number had risen to 66. A team of UW students, working with staff, have coordinated and implemented a number of outreach campaigns to not only encourage campus labs to apply for certification, but also to let them know about the resources available through the program for all labs on campus. For example, in 2014-2015, our office worked with stakeholders including UW Recycling, Environmental Health and Safety and the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences to produce a Lab Recycling guide with information on recyclable materials which are unique to the lab environment. This guide is now available online as a PDF which can be printed and posted in any lab on campus.

The Green Labs program is an innovative approach to bringing more sustainable practices to laboratory spaces across the University of Washington campus, and plays an important role in influencing behavior change in an area which can make a big difference to the UW's overall environmental footprint.

Sincerely,

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