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Alex,

This letter is to verify that the carbon offset project developed by Clarkson University is in fact unique and innovative. This project is innovative because Clarkson is designing a system for offsetting carbon that engages their school of business students, GIS students, Ugandan faculty and students from a partner school, as well as nonprofit organizations. This project is working to determine if microfinance groups can function as an effective network for implementing agroforestry carbon sequestration. The experiential education component of this work provides Clarkson with high added value. As someone educated in the natural sciences, I believe this is important work for improving landscapes. As a Sustainability Director, I believe that more schools should seek out creative solutions that maximize co-benefits such as habitat restoration to offset their greenhouse gas emissions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Pumilio".

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