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Dear AASHE STARS Program Staff,

This letter serves as affirmation that California State University, Sacramento's refillable propane tank project qualifies for the AASHE STARS innovation credit.

Peak Adventures at California State University, Sacramento now offers a refillable 11b propane cylinder. When a consumer purchases a 11b disposable propane tank, the tank costs more than the contents. Once the propane has been used, the cost of recycling the container is higher than the value of the steel. These refillable propane cylinders reduce waste and allow consumers to enjoy the outdoors in a sustainable way.

An estimated 40 million single-use propane cylinders are thrown away each year in North America. To combat this problem, National Parks have implemented a propane cylinder recycling program; however, recycling propane tanks is a costly process and eliminating production of the waste is the ideal goal. Reusable 11b propane tanks are an innovative solution to prevent unnecessary waste from arriving in a landfill.

California State University, Sacramento was the first university in California to participate in the reusable propane tank program and was used as an example to implement the program at UC Santa Cruz and Stanford University.

Promoting sustainable products is an important facet in mitigating the impact California State University, Sacramento has on the environment. We appreciate your consideration of the refillable propane tank project for an innovation credit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristina Cullen".

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