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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to thank you and the Cathance River Education Alliance (CREA) for all you do for the students of our local community. The combination of the sustainable education center that is operated on renewable energy sources, as well as a hands on approach to learning about the environment, is crucial for engaging young scientists that will ultimately be stewards of the future. As a current professional wildlife biologist, I would have completely benefitted from a program like CREA during my earlier years, and my interest in the environmental field would have been stronger and more directed at a younger age. The students who have been involved with CREA are exposed to a variety of environmental professionals early on which helps increase interest in the field and the various practices at a young age. The facility and the land surrounding CREA provide an incredible opportunity for students to apply what they learn in a typical classroom directly in the field by either physically observing or handling the wildlife and the environment around them.

As a wildlife biologist, I also want to thank you for providing the opportunity to work with your students. It allows me to continue to work on my skills in the field by providing explanations to students of ways to investigate, study, and discuss the environment we all share. I found that working with your students and our local community was incredibly rewarding. You have an excellent program and hope that it continues well into the future!

Sincerely,

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