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RE: CRC Association's Award for Excellence in Innovation.

To whom it may concern,

I have been involved in the Weed Warriors Program since August of 2003. I was immediately impressed with the structure and content of the program and how much fun it sounded. I was extremely flattered when asked to become a part of this exciting, new, endeavour and jumped at the chance.

Once we officially began the program within the schools, I could not believe how excited, interested, and passionate the students became about weed issues.

Students, of all ages, and academic levels seem to grasp the concepts covered by the program with great ease and vast amounts of enthusiasm. Teachers are jumping at the chance to become involved, for many reasons including the above, and also that it is quite easy to incorporate into the curriculum.

There are so many fantastic aspects to the Weed Warriors Program that really make it stand out. One in particular, is the very real and important outcome that the students can take great pride in.

I am thrilled to be a part of the Weed Warriors Program. I have seen the knowledge and awareness levels of so many youth dramatically increase as a result of the program, and this is so important as they are the land managers of the future.

Yours sincerely

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