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Letter of Support for Re_Home Renovations

Dear Student Sustainability Committee,

I am writing this letter to express my support for the proposed renovations to take place at the Re_Home at the Agricultural and Biological Engineering Research and Training Center. This house provides the ABE department with a strong, hands-on learning tool to teach to future generations of students the benefits of new energy use technologies, and how they can be incorporated into our everyday lives to reduce our energy consumption. The Re_Home provides a one-of-a-kind learning experience, that spans across multiple disciplines such as engineering, technical systems management, and social work. Without proper upkeep, as many as fifteen classes will lose an irreplaceable teaching lab. As a house designed to be as sustainable as possible, we must preserve this resource for teaching in the future and maintain the home as necessary. Without the necessary repairs, water will continue to infiltrate the house and continue to deteriorate the house to the point where it is no longer able to be used safely as a learning experience for the university. It is for these reasons that I hope the Student Sustainability Committee will considering funding these renovations, to preserve this unique experience for future students.

Kind regards,

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