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Mrs. Simmons,

It gives me great pleasure to write this letter of congratulations to Teaching Point for the high standard of educational excellence evidenced in Environmental Science: Experiments and Activities. Please extend my praise and appreciation to all involved particularly the author, Carol L. Matthews.

I have spent the greater part of my 30 year professional career interacting with, and developing programs for colleges and universities across our nation. My role as Director of the Minority Programs Office with the National Council for Science and the Environment (NCSE) and as founder of the Department of Environmental Education Programs (DEEP) for the United Negro College Fund convinces me that Matthews' Environmental Science represents an invaluable resource for today's teachers.

I found the presentation and organization of environmental science and education topics to be quite comprehensive and, if incorporated into their daily lesson plans empowers both formal and nonformal educators with reliable and valid information about environmental education practices that support learning and improves the academic achievement of their students. The inclusion of sections on Standards, Lesson Plans, Assessment Keys, Activities and Class Notes are amply complemented by the Experiments and Activities Student Edition. Similarly, the provision of a self-starting CD is an unsurpassed value-added component.

I believe that once parents, educators, students, researchers, policymakers, and the general public are introduced to Environmental Science: Experiments and Activities, they will encourage their peers to include Environmental Science in their school curricula.

Sincerely,

Dan Durett, Director,
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