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Dear the Environmental Protection Agency,

To say that Jenna Mobley deserves the Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators is an understatement. Ms. Mobley works tirelessly to make sure that our school, Springdale Park Elementary, is as green as it can possibly be. I have watched Ms. Mobley grow our school into an environmentally-friendly atmosphere where eco-conscious students have conversations with each other about the best type of environment for kale to grow. As a second grade teacher, hearing this out of children's mouths is appalling in the best way possible. Before Ms. Mobley, these same children would never even have known what kale was.

Ms. Mobley and I have been teaching together at Springdale Park (Spark) for the last six years. I have watched her love of educating evolve from being a homeroom teacher to convincing our administration that an environmental science teacher was needed, and that she would be perfect person for the job. I have observed Ms. Mobley create fully-developed programs for issues before other teachers even realized that there was a problem. Ms. Mobley has incorporated ideas about recycling into our school in a way that gets children excited about keeping our planet running. Through committees, in-house field trips, visits to nature centers, and school-wide events, the students in our school feel invested in every part of Ms. Mobley's efforts.

All of these efforts alone would be impressive. The most remarkable impact that Ms. Mobley has made is the fact that all of these children have taken their passion for learning about the environment home with them. They have taught their families about composting, recycling, and ecosystems in our community. Using the "Home-School Connection" link on Ms. Mobley's website, families have access to all the resources, instructions, and ideas that she has put together. With children teaching their families about the environment and Ms. Mobley continually presenting to organizations about all of her efforts here at Spark, she is continuously teaching others how to keep our planet thriving. For all of these reasons, Jenna Mobley deserves your Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators.

Sincerely, Susie Fellows