Below is a template letter for project teams to use to advocate to stone suppliers for certification under the ANSI/NSC 373 Sustainable Production of Natural Dimension Stone standard:

To Whom It May Concern,

The [project name] is pursuing Living Building Challenge Certification by the International Living Future Institute. The Living Building Challenge is a framework of the most rigorous sustainability targets in the built environment. Visit [www.living-future.com](http://www.living-future.com/) for more information.

The Living Building Challenge places an emphasis on sustainable raw material extraction and the use of fair labor practices. As the green building industry evolves, the need for 3rd party-verified sustainability documentation is more important than ever.

The Natural Stone Sustainability Standard (ANSI/NSC 373 Sustainable Production of Natural Dimension Stone) defines environmental, ecological, socially responsible and human-health metrics for extracting and manufacturing natural dimension stone. Quarriers and fabricators can certify to this standard by third-party verifying their sustainable practices. This provides design teams like ours with the information needed to make environmentally sustainable product choices. To learn more about obtaining this certification, visit <https://naturalstonecouncil.org/sustainability> or email [sustainability@naturalstonecouncil.org](mailto:sustainability@naturalstonecouncil.org).

We encourage our trade partners and suppliers, especially on this project, to take a leadership role in becoming certified under ANSI/NSC 373 to ensure natural dimension stone is extracted, manufactured, and transported in an environmentally and socially sustainable manner.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter; we look forward to a day when we can selectively specify products produced by your members that conform to independent sustainability standards, demonstrating your industry leadership.

Sincerely,

Project team