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Office of the President

Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) 2401 Walnut St., Suite 102 Philadelphia, PA 19102

RE: Loyola University Maryland STARS Submission

To Whom It May Concern:

I am thrilled to support the submission of Loyola University Maryland's first Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) report. Our institution's commitment to sustainability is a priority for our Loyola community, particularly for our current and future students, and for me, as the University's president.

At Loyola University Maryland, we approach sustainability in line with the Universal Apostolic Preference of the Society of Jesus that calls us to care for our common home. As a Jesuit, Catholic university, we are guided by our core value of justice. We acknowledge the inextricable link between planet and people and recognize that our most marginalized communities are the ones especially vulnerable to environmental degradation. Sustainability encompasses reducing our impact on the environment, fostering healthy ecosystems on our campus, and investing in resiliency and adaptation efforts. This work extends beyond the environment into the social, economic, and spiritual aspects of our existence. Our sustainability efforts allow us to live out our mission while enhancing the student, staff, and faculty experiences, encouraging us all to live a more sustainable life.

Our commitment to sustainability is stronger than ever and we look forward to utilizing the STARS framework to report, measure, and advance our efforts on campus and in our community. It is with great pleasure that we submit this report for evaluation.

To my knowledge, the information included within this report is accurate. If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Harvey, Loyola's Sustainability Director, at tharvey2@loyola.edu.

Sincerely,

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President