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Re: University of Minnesota Duluth - STARS Submission, November, 2019

On behalf of the University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD), I am pleased to verify the submission from our campus to the Sustainability Tracking and Rating System (STARS) Program.

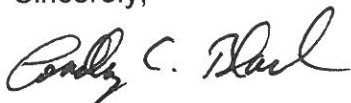
Our commitment to sustainability in operations, academics, research, and planning and administration at UMD is demonstrated in our STARS responses. Inclusion of sustainability in coursework at UMD is a source of pride, along with the breadth and depth of sustainability-related research. Our University's dedication to engagement with the greater Minnesota community through the Minnesota Sea Grant, University of Minnesota Extension programs, and the Natural Resources Research Institute ensures that relevant research results and progress are broadly shared.

In our campus operations, we have planned and expanded on-campus solar capacity by over 900% in the past year and a half, along with increasing energy efficiency through building retrofits and careful new construction. We've also improved our campus-wide compost collection and waste reduction initiatives.

The addition of a Sustainability Student Activities Coordinator at UMD in 2017 increased student engagement and campus programming. Our coordinator's efforts include a popular new Free Store that helps meet the needs of students during campus move-in, and a Winter Free Store pop-up for cold-weather clothing re-use. Student involvement and advocacy also advanced with the addition of a new UMD Student Association (UMDSA) position; the UMDSA Sustainability Director connects students, administration, and faculty/staff in order to encourage improvements and raise the visibility of UMD's overall commitment to sustainability.

We are proud of our assessment results and aim to keep STARS as an important tracking mechanism of our continued campus commitment to sustainability.

Sincerely,



Lendley C. Black
Chancellor