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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education 2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102 Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear STARS administrators:

Oregon State University is pleased to submit our latest Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) data. As reflected in OSU's Strategic Plan, sustainability and protection of Earth's vital ecosystems are top priorities for this university. They are also important to me, as I work to advance OSU's commitment to reduce carbon emissions and increase education access, equity and wellbeing for all Oregonians.

In 2020, Oregon State became the first institution to submit ten STARS reports. Today, we maintain our leadership by having the most STARS reports of any institution. I hope the value we place on sustainability initiatives, and on STARS as a tool to advance our work, is clear. We pride ourselves in being among a small number of institutions that complete a full STARS assessment each year, and routinely use the data to provide experiential learning opportunities to our students and to communicate our work to a broad community of stakeholders. We use STARS in our classrooms regularly and it plays a role in fulfilling OSU's mission.

I recognize the important role this institution has in reducing and addressing the consequences of a changing climate, particularly the impacts upon vulnerable and underserved populations. I'm pleased to have tools like STARS to help achieve our objectives, and I look forward to our continued participation as a Charter Participant.

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