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STARS Steering Committee

Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education

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Dear STARS Steering Committee:

Oregon State University is pleased to be a charter participant in the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) and submit information about this university's sustainability practices. As one of only two land, sea, space and sun grant institutions in the United States, OSU has a longstanding yet growing commitment to sustainability. It is how we fulfill our mission to the State of Oregon and beyond. It is also an increasingly common way of life on campus – from student engagement to campus operations, and from world changing research to world class instruction.

As a set of sustainability indicators, STARS does large, complex institutions like OSU a great service. It helps us develop and respond to a set of well-researched metrics and compare how we are doing to others, enabling us to learn from them and for them to learn from us. It also inspires change and continual improvement that, while incremental, can move us toward a more sustainable institution and culture.

The information included in OSU's STARS submission is true and accurate to the best of our abilities. Like many other institutions, when venturing on an extensive reporting process for the first time, there are some bumps along the way. But we believe we have overcome those and are submitting the best picture possible of sustainability at OSU.

Oregon State University appreciates the opportunity to participate in STARS and look forward to continuing the conversations it has started.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward J. Ray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" at the end.

Edward J. Ray  
President