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STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
1536 Wynkoop St., Suite 100
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Dear STARS Steering Committee:

I am very pleased to submit Oregon State University's fiscal year 2014 data for AASHE's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS). Oregon State University has reached a gold designation and has continued to improve its scores for the past several years. This is our fourth submission and we have successfully used STARS to advance a culture of sustainability at OSU.

Measuring our progress, no matter what the endeavor, is critical. The sustainability officer at Oregon State University and I appreciate the ability to use STARS, now the standard for measuring sustainability in higher education. It also helps fulfill OSU's commitment to advancing the Science of Sustainable Earth Ecosystems, a signature area within our updated strategic plan.

I would like to congratulate Colorado State University on being the first institution to achieve a STARS platinum rating. This is truly an accomplishment to which we can aspire.

I believe our STARS submission is an accurate reflection of OSU's commitment to sustainability. I look forward to our continued participation as a charter participant.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Ray President