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

Dear STARS Steering Committee:

Oregon State University is submitting our Fiscal Year 2015 data for AASHE's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System. Once again Oregon State, on track to reach Gold designation, has been able to continue modestly improving our scores for the past several years. This is our fifth submission and we plan to continue reporting each year, attesting to the value of STARS as a tool to guide institutional progress toward sustainability.

Measuring our progress, no matter what the endeavor, is critical. I and the sustainability officer at Oregon State 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 many areas of OSU's new Strategic Plan 3.0 that address issues of sustainability.

I believe our STARS submission is an accurate reflection of OSU's activities, to the greatest extent an assessment system can capture efforts of large and complex institutions like ours. I look forward to our continued participation as a Charter Participant. Thank you.

Sincerely.

Edward J. Ray

President