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Dear Ms. Zahniser,

On behalf of McGill University, it is my pleasure to present our fourth report for AASHE's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS®).

In 2017, McGill set an ambitious new long-term target for the University: attaining a Platinum STARS® sustainability rating by 2030. After earning an improved Gold rating in 2020, McGill released its Climate & Sustainability Strategy 2020-2025, which incorporated best practices from the STARS® framework in its actions and objectives. Thanks to these commitments, as well as several critical projects supported through the University's flagship Sustainability Projects Fund, and the dedicated work by members of the McGill community, we are proud to achieve a Platinum rating six years in advance of our goal.

McGill's submission demonstrates our unwavering commitment to achieve the highest possible standards of sustainability. Since our last report, we have expanded our commitment to sustainability-focused teaching and learning, incorporated LEED considerations into all of our new construction and renovation projects, and enhanced the University's waste infrastructure to improve our diversion rate. We have also launched innovative projects such as a new online sustainability training module for all students and staff and a Sustainable Lab Certification program.

The strength of McGill's sustainability initiatives lies in the collaboration between committed students, staff, faculty, and community members in Montreal. Our report reflects the efforts of these many individuals and groups across the University, as well as the leadership of our Office of Sustainability. I am proud that we can unite as a community to tackle the many sustainability challenges that we face today and lead by example.

Sincerely,

Professor H. Deep Saini