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Ms. Meghan Fay Zahniser  
Executive Director  
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
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Dear Ms. Zahniser,

I am pleased to verify that the information contained in the University of Dayton's STARS submission is accurate and reflects our community's commitment to infusing sustainability into the operations, curriculum, administration, and culture of this campus.

Since our spring 2017 submission, the University has ushered in a transformation to be the University for the Common Good. Guided by our Marianist values we are committed to shaping better communities and a more just, resilient future for all. Humanity's needs set our direction, shape our curricula, inspire our research, motivate our partnerships, and form our graduates. This includes our dedication to receiving national recognition for our sustainability and human rights initiatives.

This dedication is reflected in our 2018 Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating system (STARS) submission. This year, we committed ourselves to engaging more units across campus in evaluating, reporting, and aligning performance and priorities to advance sustainability on our campus and in our community. We are pleased to have improved our score by an increase of 22 points, receiving a preliminary **GOLD** rating. This improved score reflects our improvements in our operations performance in areas such as dining, purchasing, and grounds, recognizing more courses and programs addressing today's sustainability challenges, and engaging more students in sustainability research and peer-to-peer education. In this regard, the STARS reporting effort is a valuable tool for the many staff, faculty, and students at UD who are committed to sustainability and human rights servant-leadership.

Thank you for developing this powerful tool. We look forward to continued participation in STARS and the guidance it provides towards meeting our sustainability goals.

Warm regards,

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