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Ms. Meghan Fay Zahniser
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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 our campus.

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. We are also dedicated to being a national leader in sustainability and human rights initiatives. This dedication is reflected in our 2019 Sustainability, Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) submission.

In 2019, as reflected in our second preliminary Gold rating, we recommitted ourselves to engaging units across campus for reporting. We have also committed ourselves to supporting those units in advancing their sustainability goals. This resulted in development of new procurement policies that reflect our commitment to human rights and sustainability in university purchasing. Additionally, we advanced the UN Sustainable Development Goals through workshops, research symposia and devoted staff time to guide and measure our progress in advancing those Global Goals. We also experienced great change on campus. We completed the installation of a 1.3MW solar array to supply campus through renewable energy and hosted campus-wide zero waste events and performed a feasibility study for campus carbon neutrality. The STARS reporting continues to serve our campus as a valuable tool for our staff, faculty, students, and administration who are committed to sustainability and human rights servant-leadership.

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

Warm regards,

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