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Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee,

In March 2011, Brandeis University submitted to you its first STARS Report and achieved a Bronze Rating. Less than two years later, the Brandeis community is pleased to submit its second STARS Report and achieve a Silver Rating.

Today, as always, the Brandeis campus community remains devoted to the concept of social justice. We stress an interdisciplinary approach to knowledge and the solution of real life problems – from our new Mandel Center for the Humanities and Shapiro Science Center to the Heller School for Social Policy and Management and the Brandeis International Business School. Brandeis stands as one of the youngest highly-acclaimed private research universities in the country. It is in the vein of academic and research commitment that we are pleased to submit a much more robust Education and Research section in this STARS submission, outlining the University's considerable co-curricular, curricular and research activities related to and focused on sustainability.

From innovative projects like the Sustainable Energy Program and our student Sustainability Fund supporting renewable energy projects, to purchasing only environmentally-friendly computer products, to reducing our energy and water consumption per capita since 2005, Brandeis continues to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability in action and not just in words. STARS serves as an excellent tool to connect our cross-campus sustainability initiatives and monitor progress toward Brandeis' goal of sustainability and climate neutrality.

The commitment from the Brandeis University student body towards sustainability issues continues to be truly exemplary. I would like to thank the many students, faculty, staff and alumni who have worked tirelessly to define and advance Brandeis' sustainability goals.

We look forward to improving our environmental performance across University operations and sustainability program in the future, and one day to achieving a STARS Gold Rating.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "F. Lawrence".

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