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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:

On behalf of the University of Missouri, I am pleased to submit our Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) 2.1 report. This report is the result of coordination between the Office of Sustainability and key campus stakeholders. I affirm, to the best of our knowledge, the information contained within this report is current and accurate.

The University of Missouri embraces its role in providing a healthy and safe learning environment for its students, faculty and staff. Consistent with MU's mission and values, we are committed to demonstrating local and global environmental stewardship.

MU continues to be an international leader in energy conservation, making great strides in reducing energy usage and greenhouse gas emissions on campus. MU was recognized by the EPA's Green Power Partnership in 2017 as a national leader in the development and utilization of renewable energy. MU's energy system was selected the System of the Year for 2017 by the International District Energy Association for exemplary utility service. Mizzou is the only university to win this prestigious award twice, selected in 2004 as well.

***Energy Statistics from FY17 include:***

- Total campus renewable energy portfolio – 39% (Biomass, wind, and solar)
- Greenhouse gas emissions reductions since 2008 base year – 51%
- Coal use reduced since 2008 base year – 73%
- Wind power percentage of campus electric consumption – 15%

The College of Engineering at the University of Missouri is in the process of hiring approximately 15 new faculty in Sustainability focusing on Food, Energy, Water and Smart Cities (FEWSed). These new hires will have the potential to be joint hires with the other colleges or schools at MU to support interdisciplinary teaching and research.

STARS has been valuable in benchmarking our sustainability efforts. AASHE's leadership in developing and refining STARS are much appreciated.

Respectfully,

Gary L. Ward  
Vice Chancellor for Operations  
and Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs