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Dear AASHE-STARS,

I am writing to proudly affirm the accuracy of the information included in the 2010-11 College of Saint Benedict STARS submission. At the College of Saint Benedict (CSB), sustainability has been central to our mission since our founding by Benedictine Sisters in 1913. Indeed, values of stewardship and social justice have long permeated campus culture and planning. In support of our long-standing commitment to stewardship, I joined the *American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC)* in 2007 as a charter signatory.

Since signing on as an ACUPCC member, CSB has successfully formed a Sustainability Council, hired a Sustainability Director and Sustainability Fellow, and engaged the campus community in developing a comprehensive sustainability strategic plan. This academic year, coined the Year of Sustainability, has highlighted efforts already underway and built momentum for continued work toward a culture of sustainability on campus.

I thank you in advance for consideration of our STARS submission.

Sincerely,

MaryAnn Baenninger
President