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Dear AASHE Board of Directors and STARS Steering Committee:

Western Kentucky University is a proud member of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. AASHE resources and professional development opportunities have been extremely beneficial to our students, faculty, and staff who are working to improve sustainability in university operations, services, and academics. We appreciate and support AASHE's mission to *empower higher education to lead the sustainability transformation*.

WKU participated in the AASHE STARS program in 2011, earning a Bronze rating. The process was enlightening, and we learned much from the assessment. I am very pleased to submit for 2012 with a provisional Silver rating. Our intention is continuous improvement, and we are now looking towards Gold for our next submission.

The information provided in the WKU STARS submission was researched and compiled under the direction of WKU Sustainability Coordinator, Christian Ryan-Downing. She was assisted by MBA student Mark Santoro who contributed significantly to the success of the project. Individuals and departments from across campus assisted in providing accurate data, better prepared to provide the necessary information after experience with our 2011 submission. I am confident that the information in the report is accurate and complete to the greatest degree possible.

Sincerely,

Gary A. Ransdell

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