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Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee:

I am pleased to endorse Furman University's January 2018 Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) submission. These data provide an accurate and comprehensive reflection of our institution's sustainability efforts. As a charter participant of the STARS self-assessment tool in 2011, we are proud to submit this updated report as evidence of the university's ongoing commitment to sustainability.

Furman's bold strategic plan, The Furman Advantage, guarantees every student an unparalleled education that combines classroom learning with real-world experiences and self-discovery. This STARS submission reflects and supports the vision of The Furman Advantage, as evidenced by high scores in Academic Courses, Research and Scholarship, Campus as a Living Laboratory, Community Partnerships, and Diversity and Equity.

Sustainability is a hallmark of Furman's liberal arts curriculum and undergraduate research. A general education requirement ensures that each graduate completes a course addressing the interaction of humans and the natural world, and the sustainability science major offers students the opportunity to apply their academic experience to understanding and developing solutions to local and global challenges. The Food Recovery Network certification cited as an exemplary practice credit is an example of a student-led initiative that advances sustainability while positively impacting both the campus and the greater community.

Furman continues to make steady progress in many aspects of our operations. For example, our new food service provider, Bon Appetit, is supportive of our goals in purchasing and in sustainable dining, and our procurement and janitorial staff are implementing new sustainable practices and programs. Additionally, the David E. Shi Center for Sustainability continues to serve as an animating hub that drives progress in all areas of sustainability both on campus and in the greater community.

I would like to thank the many members of the university community who contributed to the reporting process. Student fellow Logan Richardson worked with Laura Bain in the David E. Shi Center for Sustainability to compile and analyze data. Data inquiries should be addressed to Ms. Bain at 864-294-3656 or laura.bain@furman.edu.

Sincerely,

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