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Mr. Paul Rowland  
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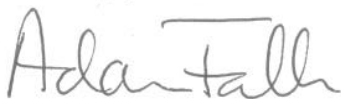
Dear Mr. Rowland,

In January of 2007, the Board of Trustees of Williams unanimously voted to adopt the goal of reducing the college's emissions to 10% below 1990 levels by 2020, and to establish sustainability as an institutional goal. Since that time, we have established the Zilkha Center for Environmental Initiatives, made significant progress towards our emissions goal, certified two new buildings at the LEED Gold level, and are in the process of writing a sustainability plan that will further define what our principles mean in practice.

We have found STARS to be a useful resource library and a helpful tool for examining our practices. We believe that reporting on sustainability issues is a crucial part of the broader societal changes towards sustainability, and is an area in which institutions of higher education can demonstrate leadership and best practices.

On behalf of Williams, I am pleased to submit our first STARS report and affirm that it is an accurate reflection of the steps the college has taken towards sustainability.

Sincerely yours,



Adam F. Falk

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Enclosure