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To Whom It May Concern:

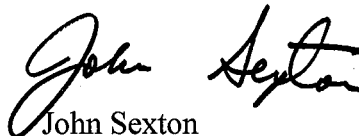
On behalf of New York University, I am pleased to verify that the information presented through the AASHE Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) is complete and accurate to the best of our knowledge and ability. The university is proud to have achieved a STARS Gold rating, an accomplishment which reflects our strong commitment to environmental sustainability.

NYU has been deeply involved in STARS since the system was first proposed, having carried out internal institution-wide environmental assessment efforts since 2005. The university participated as a STARS Pilot Program member soon after becoming a charter and leadership circle member of the ACUPCC, launching an NYU Sustainability Task Force, and setting in motion a host of green initiatives on campus.

New York University is committed to high standards of excellence in environmental reporting, and helped to draft the "Open Letter to Sustainability Evaluating Organizations," which established clear expectations from the higher education community for rating systems' quality and fairness going forward. More than 75 institutions have since signed the letter.

Reporting the STARS Gold rating is an honor and a privilege. I congratulate the students, faculty, and staff who have led NYU's sustainability efforts and who continue to strive to improve the university's environmental footprint, support vital teaching and research efforts, and foster a campus culture of eco-literacy.

Sincerely,



John Sexton