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STARS Steering Committee  
The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)  
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Subject: California State University Channel Islands STARS Submission

Dear Steering Committee Members:

California State University Channel Islands (CSUCI) is pleased to present this submission for a STARS rating. The following report was prepared through collaborative efforts of the entire campus, with active participation from students, staff, and faculty from Business Affairs, Student Affairs, and Academic Affairs. We **appreciate** the opportunity to highlight the many ways that sustainability is integrated throughout CSUCI's programs and operations.

As the newest campus in the California State University system, CSUCI is committed to being a leader in advancing sustainability, diversity, equity, and inclusion in higher education. Equity, Inclusion and Sustainability are major themes in the university's strategic initiatives and serve as core principles shaping the university's growth. From our inception, CSUCI has been dedicated to fostering sustainability. We served as one of the charter participants of STARS and continue to value it as an essential tool for tracking, assessing, and benchmarking CSUCI's sustainability efforts.

In 2015, CSUCI was honored to receive a Gold STARS rating. The campus has grown and progressed exponentially throughout the past five years and we are excited to once again prepare a full STARS report to assess and reflect on the evolution of sustainability on campus since our last submission. Through preparing this report, we are delighted to highlight CSUCI's exemplary performance in curriculum, research, and operations. The university is proud of the continued work underway to support integration of sustainability across the curriculum, sustainability focus in faculty research, and audacious reductions in water and energy usage.

This report also serves as a valuable tool to illuminate areas where we still have opportunity to further incorporate sustainability throughout campus. In the coming years, we will be working to bolster sustainability engagement programs on campus and significantly increase the university's generation of clean and renewable energy.

We are proud to submit this STARS report for your consideration and review. Thank you for providing this framework for assessing and benchmarking sustainability in higher education.

Sincerely,

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