



ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

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The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut Street Suite 102
Philadelphia, PA 19103

RE: Arizona State University STARS submission

To Whom It May Concern:

As President of Arizona State University, I am pleased to affirm the accuracy of our sustainability self-assessment using the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System™ (STARS).

ASU is a comprehensive public research university and one of the largest institutions in the nation. More than 98,000 students attend ASU either online or across our five campuses in metropolitan Phoenix and at additional facilities across Arizona and the nation.

ASU is a New American University, measured not by whom we exclude, but rather by whom we include and how they succeed; advancing research and discovery of public value; and assuming fundamental responsibility for the economic, social, cultural and overall health of the communities it serves.

ASU is proud of its comprehensive approach to sustainability, reflected in a significant improvement in our STARS assessment even under the rating system's 2.1 version. Our recent sustainability strategies and achievements include:

- Expanded our 88-system solar portfolio with a new, off-campus utility-scale solar plant last month that provides 65,000 MWh dc of renewable energy annually, and increases our renewable energy resources by more than 150 percent.
- Reduced our GHG emissions by 12 percent since 2007 despite expanding our facilities by 33 percent and increasing our student population by 50 percent. We have made similar progress in water-use reduction and waste-to-landfill efforts.
- An all-of-the-above strategy to tackle our sustainability goals, which includes creating a campus sustainability culture through online and in-person education and engagement programs.

ASU has a long-standing commitment to the advancement of sustainability education, research and operations, university-wide:

- ASU is a founding signatory of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) and expanded that commitment to sustainability and resilience by signing the Second Nature Climate Commitment in 2015.
- The Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability was created as an umbrella organization to connect and advance all sustainability efforts.
- The world's first School of Sustainability celebrated its 10-year anniversary in 2016, continuing to achieve high post-graduation employment rates for multiple undergraduate and graduate programs, and to collaborate with other ASU colleges and international institutions to offer minors, certificates and dual-degree programs.

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- ASU hosts the 10th anniversary Second Nature Summit this month to exchange best practices for achieving climate neutrality and resiliency.

Thank you for your continuing development of STARS and the opportunity to showcase our progress.

Sincerely,



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President