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To Whom It May Concern,

Swarthmore College certifies that, to the best of our knowledge, this 2020 Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System report truthfully captures the College's various and ongoing sustainability initiatives. Compiling this year's report was an excellent opportunity to contextualize our recent progress, revisit and assess our commitments, and develop our vision of a just, sustainable college community.

This report was assembled with support from the Office of Sustainability, the President's Office, and the President's Sustainability Research Fellowship (with special thanks to Jasmine Xie '20), along with the expertise of many departments across campus. Since our last STARS report, notable changes include a concerted effort to divert incinerator waste via a dramatic expansion of our composting capacity, the establishment of a robust and multidisciplinary Environmental Studies major, and the new construction of large residential, academic, and student life spaces that meet stricter sustainability standards. Our most notable ongoing efforts include the College's leadership in the movement for internal carbon pricing, our stewardship of the Crum Woods, and our ambitious Roadmap to Zero: Energy Master Plan, a combined energy utilities master plan and carbon neutrality plan that could reduce scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions by over 95% when fully implemented (it is currently under review). The College is also expanding campus engagement through experimental programs such as offering "Councils on the Uncertain Human Future" (as developed by Clark University), a "Climate Essentials" non-credit short course open to all campus community members, and an innovative program that partners our students in our eco-reps program (Green Advisors) with our staff Sustainability Advocates program to implement projects across campus departments.

We would like to thank AASHE for establishing the vision of higher education institutions as change agents and providing the resources that make this reporting process possible. We affirm that the information in Swarthmore College's 2020 STARS report is an accurate representation of our institution and our overarching mission.

Sincerely,

Aurora Winslade