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Stephanie A. Herrera, Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Herrera,

Middlebury College has long believed in the important role that higher education can play in creating a more sustainable future. From founding the first undergraduate environmental studies program in the country in 1965, which will soon celebrate its 50th anniversary, to its student driven commitment to become carbon neutral by 2016, Middlebury has strived to make sustainability an exemplary aspect of all the College's enterprises. We are proud of our leadership in this area, and we will continue to look for new ways of creating a more sustainable world.

As we move forward in this work, we look for useful tools to help us along our way. AASHE's Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) is one of those tools. We are pleased to have participated as a pilot school in the development of this exceptional resource. It provides an objective means by which college and universities can assess their sustainability strengths and opportunities, and guide their strategic thinking and action.

It is with pleasure that I submit our second STARS report as a Charter institution and affirm that it is an accurate reflection of the steps Middlebury has taken to make sustainability a part of the culture and character of the College. Our submission supports our strong commitment to sustainability and this report will guide our sustainability efforts going forward.

Thanks to AASHE for creating STARS and providing a great resource to support our efforts and those of many other educational institutions.

Sincerely,

Ronald D. Liebowitz