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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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

Dear STARS Steering Committee,

I write to affirm that Washington and Lee University's submission for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) is, to the best of my knowledge, an accurate representation of our current practices, policies, and standards. Representatives from the Offices of Sustainability and Energy Education have handled project management and data collection, with input from various departments on campus.

W&L will use these data to further our efforts in sustainability, which have an important place in our 2018 University Strategic Plan under the title of Environmental Stewardship. Our Strategic Plan places a high priority on meeting our climate commitments and outlining them in a climate action plan; building to LEED-certified standards; and studying and reducing resource consumption and waste.

Our recently adopted 2019 Climate Action Plan updates our carbon neutrality goals and specifies how we aim to achieve them. We also recognize that we live and work in one of the most beautiful parts of the United States, and we are attempting to celebrate our location through our outdoor programming. Our motto, *non incautus futuri* – not unmindful of the future – reminds us daily that we must do what we can to protect our future environment, community, and economy.

We appreciate the work that AASHE has done to put together such a robust data collection and rating tool. We also appreciate the level of assistance provided in working with this tool. We look forward to learning much from engaging with STARS and are excited to see where we can take W&L's sustainability programs in the future.

Sincerely,



William C. Dudley, President
Washington and Lee University

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