



Office of the President

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

Re: Cleveland State University STARS submission

To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to offer our Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Reporting System (STARS) submission to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). At Cleveland State University (CSU), we are proud of our sustainability initiatives and accomplishments.

We have been long dedicated to progress in this arena. Since 2007, we have reduced our campus carbon footprint by 28,745 MTCO_{2e}, representing a 32% overall reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. More recently, our newest campus building—the Washkewicz College of Engineering—just received LEED Gold certification and became our sixth building designed and constructed to LEED green standards.

As President of CSU, I confirm that the information included in this STARS submission is an accurate account of sustainability programs and practices on campus. Completing a STARS report once every three years allows us to benchmark our progress and provides a means to measure success in the future. The data collected will be used to guide our planning process and program development.

We appreciate the opportunity to share our progress with the AASHE community and will continue to ensure that higher education is part of the transformation to a more sustainable and equitable future.

Sincerely,

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President

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