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STARS Steering Committee  
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Dear STARS Steering Committee:

Re: University of Alberta STARS Submission

The University of Alberta in Edmonton is one of Canada's top teaching and research universities. We are committed to integrating sustainability into all aspects of our operations, academics and campus life. In keeping with our sustainability commitment and guiding principles, we have advanced our sustainability performance since our last STARS™ submission. Below are a few of the many accomplishments of which I am very proud:

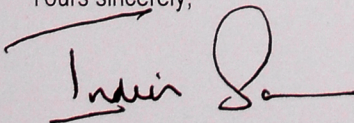
- Unveiled a new embedded sustainability certificate for undergraduate students;
- Launched Envision, our next generation energy management program;
- Completion of institutional Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Emission Reduction Plan;
- Opened the Camrose Performing Arts Centre at our Augustana Campus, unveiling Canada's largest building-integrated solar photo-voltaic system;
- Recognized as one of Canada's Greenest Employers for the sixth year in a row;
- Received an Emerald Award, Alberta's highest honour for environmental excellence;
- Increased number of green certified buildings under LEED, BOMA BEST and Green Globes;
- Installed underground cisterns for capturing fire pump test water;
- Launched the Prairie Urban Farm and campus Farmers' Market;
- And established full spectrum of mental health supports and services.

Members of the University of Alberta's Office of Sustainability, who collaborated broadly with other sustainability-related professionals across campus, prepared this report. On behalf of the University of Alberta, I am pleased to thank them for their work, and to affirm that our STARS™ sustainability self-assessment contains a credible accounting of our integration efforts.

While we have achieved many things on our journey to sustainability, we recognize that better is always possible. In the next couple of years, we will collaborate with the campus community to further integrate sustainability into our plans, policies and procedures. We will identify new ways to enhance our leadership in sustainability.

I have great confidence in our faculty, staff and students, and remain excited about how our campus culture is changing as we build a more sustainable future.

Yours sincerely,



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