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STARS™ Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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Dear Steering Committee members,

The University of Alberta is one of Canada's top teaching and research universities, with an international reputation for excellence across the humanities, sciences, creative arts, business, engineering and health sciences. The university is committed to sustaining our people, our work, and the environment by attracting and stewarding the resources we need to deliver excellence to the benefit of all Albertans.

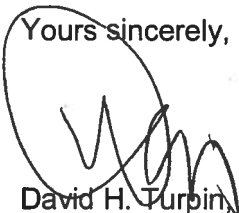
Below are a few recent University of Alberta sustainability-related accomplishments that I would like to highlight:

- Launched the Sustainability Council in 2018 to increase our capacity to focus on integrating sustainability into academia at our institution
- Doubled undergraduate student enrolment in the Certificate in Sustainability in 2018-19
- Placed a total of 106 graduate students with partners conducting applied sustainability research since the inception of our Sustainability Scholars program in 2015
- Increased our installed solar energy capacity to 635 kW
- Reduced our total GHGs by 15 per cent between 2012/13 and 2018/19
- Increased the number of green certified buildings under LEED, Green Globes, and BOMA BEST
- Received Fair Trade Campus designation in 2018
- Recognized as one of Canada's Greenest Employers for the 12th year in a row

This STARS™ report was compiled by the Energy Management and Sustainable Operations unit and the Sustainability Council through broad coordination with many colleagues across our campus community. On behalf of the University of Alberta, I am pleased to both thank them for their work and to affirm that our STARS™ self-assessment contains a credible accounting of our institutional sustainability efforts.

I am confident that the university's faculty, staff and students will continue to uphold our sustainability commitment to make a continuous effort to instill sustainability into the many aspects of university life, on our campuses, and in the larger community.

Yours sincerely,



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