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PRESIDENT

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STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
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Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee:

The University of South Carolina has advanced the issue of sustainability at its Columbia campus and is proud to submit its work for review in the STARS program. As the flagship institution for the State of South Carolina we are committed to providing our students the highest-quality education, including the knowledge, skills and values necessary for success and responsible citizenship in a complex and changing world as sustainability is becoming a significant element of the Carolinian mindset.

Over the past decade, the University of South Carolina has formed an Office of Sustainability, built one of the first LEED certified Residence Halls in the country, and explored alternative sources of fuel and energy. Throughout this process, the campus and local community have contributed to our efforts related to the curriculum, planning, operations and outreach.

The STARS submission was compiled with the cooperation of faculty, staff and students from across campus, and to the best of our knowledge is an accurate depiction of our sustainability initiatives. The STARS program has proven to be a valuable tool and we look forward to our continued participation in this program as sustainability increasingly shapes our institution and its accomplished graduates.

Sincerely,

Harris Pastides
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