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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my great pleasure to present Wake Forest University's fourth submission to AASHE's Sustainability Tracking Assessment & Rating System (STARS).

In the three years since our last submission, we have realized many of the goals set forth in our campus sustainability strategic plan. Collectively, our efforts have moved us across the threshold into a provisional Gold rating.

This Gold rating motivates us to work toward even more aspirational goals. Our planning for a new undergraduate degree program in Environment and Sustainability and a new strategic carbon action plan, as two examples, are already underway. Implementation targets in these areas will propel us well beyond our current assessment scores.

This submission, once again, reflects the strategic efforts of multiple stakeholders across our campus – from Facilities & Campus Services to our Pro Humanitate Institute, our Office of Diversity and Inclusion, our Center for Energy, Environment, & Sustainability, and too many individuals and offices in between to list. The effort has been facilitated by our Office of Sustainability and it reflects the mission of this office to support stakeholders across campus in assuming leadership for sustainability.

This affirmation of the accuracy of our fourth submission is supported by the verification efforts of our university's leadership. Years of ongoing data collection and review have brought us to this provisional Gold rating. This will be the springboard from which we launch a new vision for campus sustainability that takes us into the next decade and beyond.

Sincerely,

Nathan O. Hatch