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STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear Members of the STARS Steering Committee:

On behalf of the University of Ottawa, enclosed please find our fourth submission to AASHE's Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) for a silver rating. The University of Ottawa has made significant progress on our sustainability journey since our last STARS submission in 2018 and continues to move towards our goal to become one of the most sustainable institutions in North America.

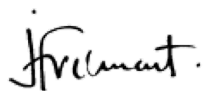
Located in the heart of Canada's capital region, the University of Ottawa is the largest bilingual (English-French) university in the world. This puts us in a unique position to help understand and catalyze the ideas that will help create a more sustainable society.

In 2019, the University launched a new strategic plan, [Transformation 2030](#), which includes sustainability as one of its four strategic pillars and earlier this spring, the University joined leaders of 57 other universities from around the world by releasing a joint statement to the United Nations calling for accelerated action for a more sustainable world.

We are grateful for the dedication and the hard work of our researchers who are helping guide public policy in our country for more sustainable outcomes. Initiatives like the Positive Energy Program leverage the convening power of the University to bring together academic researchers and senior decision-makers from industry, government, Indigenous communities, local communities and environmental organizations to determine how to strengthen public confidence in energy decision-making.

The University is ready to reimagine what is possible in this changing world. Our community of professors, staff, and students have the creativity and resilience to rise to the sustainability challenges of today for a better tomorrow.

Sincerely,



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