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STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102
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Dear Members of the STARS Steering Committee:

As an ASSHE member and Charter Participant in the STARS program since 2011, the University of Ottawa is dedicated to leading and advancing sustainability by example. This latest STARS submission is an accurate reflection of the sustainability journey of our institution and the efforts we have put forward to advance sustainability in our community.

On behalf of the University of Ottawa, enclosed please find our third submission to AASHE's Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) for a silver rating. The University of Ottawa is steadfast in its commitment to integrating sustainability, as evidenced in our research, teaching, public service, community engagement and campus operations. The STARS assessment assists the University of Ottawa in its efforts to be a more equitable, transparent, and environmentally conscious institution.

In April of 2016, the Board of Governors of the University of Ottawa adopted 'Addressing Global Warming: The uOttawa Response', a report that outlines how the University will continue to take a leadership role on climate change. The Clean Innovation Research Fund (CIRF) was formed as part of this response. The fund is dedicated to financing research aimed at finding better solutions to the problems most heavily contributing to Climate Change. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions are at the center of our commitment, which is evidenced through our pursuit of extensive energy retrofits. Additionally, sustainable transportation continues to be a priority at the University of Ottawa, with enhanced rideshare programming

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and campus planning being utilized to bring us closer to achieving our goal of a car-free campus. Students are also actively playing a role in making the campus a more sustainable environment. Last year alone, students contributed 4,220 volunteer hours directly towards sustainability-related projects.

This STARS Silver rating highlights the achievements our campus community and overall institutional success in advancing sustainability across all levels at the University of Ottawa. We look forward to our continued participation in the STARS program as our institution works to lead the way in sustainable higher education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Fremont". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a period at the end.

Jacques Fremont
President and Vice-Chancellor

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