

# OBERLIN

COLLEGE & CONSERVATORY

Office of the President

January 5, 2017

Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee:

Oberlin College has a long-standing commitment to social justice and sustainability. In line with our sustainability values, Oberlin College was a charter signatory of the American Colleges & University President's Climate Commitment in 2006 and a charter STARS participant. We are guided by the Environmental Policy Implementation Plan, various environmental commitments, and our newest Strategic Plan: *Institutional transformation through an inclusive approach to academic and musical excellence.*

On behalf of Oberlin College, I am pleased to express my support for the College's second official STARS submission. This report was generated by dozens of stakeholders over a multi-year process facilitated by the Office of Environmental Sustainability. The information submitted reflects, to the best of our abilities, the status of sustainability on campus. I am proud of the advancements this report demonstrates and the accompanying "Gold" score.

Since our last STARS submission in 2012, the College installed a large 2.27MW solar array on campus property – the largest on any liberal arts college campus, became a coal-free institution, and achieved approximately 100% renewable power supply. We reduced our emissions by half since our baseline year and signed the Resilience Commitment signifying our commitment to work alongside our local community to coordinate planning and increase prosperity for all.

We continue to foster an inclusive and equitable environment that cultivates excellence in academic and musical pursuits and beyond. Simultaneously, we strive to reach our 2025 carbon neutrality goal in a financially sustainable manner that other institutions may emulate. We look forward to presenting our rapid progress in future submissions. Thank you for your advocacy and tireless work.

Sincerely,



Marvin Krislov  
President