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STARS Steering Committee Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education 2401 Walnut Street Suite 102 Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear STARS Steering Committee:

On behalf of Texas A&M University, I am pleased to submit our Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) 2.2 report. This is our 10th STARS submission and fourth using version 2.2. Under my leadership, Texas A&M has maintained its commitment to sustainability and is pleased to submit a provisional designation of Gold This accomplishment took a year of collaboration with partners across campus to achieve. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained within this report is current and accurate.

At Texas A&M, our institutional commitment to a better future for all incorporates strategic planning and implementation on our campus and can be seen most clearly in the pages of our Sustainability Master Plan (SMP). The SMP identifies nine themes, 16 evergreen goals and 47 targets to ensure Texas A&M influences society to embrace a sustainable future.

Texas A&M is prepared to lead higher education into the future through transformational education; connecting with our state, nation, and world; and a translational research enterprise. We view the world and the global challenges of our time through our core values of respect, leadership, excellence, integrity, loyalty, and selfless service.

Fifteen years ago, Texas A&M demonstrated our loyalty to the future by establishing the Office of Sustainability & Campus Enrichment and formalizing our commitment to respect, protect, and preserve the financial, environmental, and people resources to ensure future generations of Aggies have a sustainable Aggieland to call home. Completing our 10th STARS submission has helped our campus recognize, celebrate, and advance our sustainability efforts.

We appreciate AASHE continuing to lead the sustainability movement in higher education.

Respectfully,

General (Ret) Mark A. Welsh III

President