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STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement
of Sustainability in Higher Education
1536 Wynkoop Street, Suite 100
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Dear STARS Steering Committee,

I am pleased to again verify that the University of Notre Dame's submission for the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) is a complete and accurate representation of our current sustainability initiatives.

As we celebrate the 175th anniversary of our founding by Rev. Edward F. Sorin, C.S.C., we recall his vision to found a college to "be one of the most powerful means of doing good in this country." Our commitment to environmental sustainability is grounded in this vision, our Catholic mission and our University values. This commitment has been strengthened and supported by His Holiness Pope Francis, who has instructed: "Let us be 'protectors' of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment."

We recommitted to Fr. Sorin's original vision, our ongoing tradition and Pope Francis' instruction by launching our Comprehensive Sustainability Strategy in September 2016. The Strategy is indeed comprehensive, engaging the expertise, experience and creativity of faculty, staff and students from throughout the University via small working groups. These groups are collaborative, interdisciplinary teams that are setting specific, measurable benchmarks in order for us to achieve the long-term goals set in each strategy area. The Comprehensive Sustainability Strategy recommendations focus on the following six areas:

1. Energy and Emissions
2. Water
3. Building and Construction
4. Waste
5. Procurement, Licensing and Food Sourcing
6. Education, Research and Community Outreach

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Details of our current progress can be found within this current STARS report submission, while our Comprehensive Sustainability Strategy can be found at <http://green.nd.edu/about-us/goals>. We look forward to sharing our future progress against our strategic goals in future submissions.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in STARS. It is a valuable tool that will continue to inform us as we advance our respectful stewardship of the environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John I. Jenkins", written over a circular stamp or seal that is partially obscured by the ink.

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