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The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
213 ½ North Limestone
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

RE: The University of Texas at San Antonio STARS Assessment Submission

The University of Texas at San Antonio is dedicated to growing its sustainability efforts within our campus and community at large. Sustainability is a critical part of both the University Strategic Plan and the Campus Master Plan. The increase in recycling efforts, energy efficiency, and awareness across the University shows the commitment of our students, faculty, and staff to make their environment a healthy and greener place.

In this past year, the University has created the UTSA Sustainability Council with representation from all relevant departments, recognized by the San Antonio Water System for water usage efficiency techniques implemented, and installed new Photovoltaic Systems to reduce energy consumption. These, and other efforts, have been accurately documented by Dr. Hazem Rashed-Ali and his students in this STARS report.

The University of Texas at San Antonio recognizes its role as a leader of sustainability efforts within our community. We will continue to make great strides in educating ourselves, spreading awareness throughout the community, and integrating more sustainable practices on campus.

Sincerely,



Ricardo Romo
President

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Enclosure