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STARS, Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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To Whom It May Concern,

Vassar College is thrilled to submit our fifth STARS report, and looks forward to sharing the major progress we've made over just the last twelve months. Despite the pandemic, we have continued to move at a swift pace towards reaching our carbon neutrality goals.

As mentioned before, Vassar adopted a near-term decarbonization plan in 2019 and updated our Climate Action Plan in 2020, combining to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions to less than 15% of our baseline year by 2026 - well on track to an overall goal of carbon neutrality by 2030. We have recently further updated our investment policy to take a more active role in catalyzing sustainable investments, and we have made other strides in promoting global citizenship among our students.

We continue to recognize that our greatest impact is made by sharing our progress with our peers. We continue to value the STARS framework for streamlining this process, and I am pleased to affirm that the information contained within this report is accurate.

Sincerely,



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