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STARS Review Committee:

This letter confirms support for the University of California Santa Cruz 2016 Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) submission.

I am proud of our achievements. Dedication to sustainability is shown in many areas, including "water" and "coordination & planning". The strong governance structure we have to support sustainability will continue to help the campus make progress in areas where additional opportunities are available such as "purchasing" and "public engagement", as defined by the STARS report.

It is important to recognize that numbers alone cannot describe the rich history of Sustainability on our campus. For example, the points achieved under "food", do not reflect the instrumental pioneering role in the area of sustainable agriculture and food justice as evidenced by the work of the Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems. Numbers also fail to capture the amount of square footage on campus that is not LEED-certified however, has operated to **LEED** standards.

I am especially grateful to the many staff members and students that helped gather, analyze and compile this data. It is a laborious process, but one that helps the campus continue our sustainability efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George Blumenthal". The signature is fluid and cursive.

George Blumenthal
Chancellor