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STARS Review Committee:

This letter confirms support for the University of California Santa Cruz 2019 Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) submission.

I am proud to report on our multiple sustainability related achievements. UC Santa Cruz's continued dedication to sustainability is shown in many areas throughout this report with especially high marks in the areas of Campus Engagement, Water, and Planning & Engagement.

We are particularly proud to be reporting on our recent advances in our conservation efforts like the Green Labs and Green Office Certification programs as well as the newly established and extremely popular Sustainable Certificate Program. We're continuing to spearhead the field of inclusive sustainability as we partner with UC Santa Cruz's People of Color Sustainability Collective to advance local issues pertaining to inclusivity, food security, health, and affordability. To ensure co-curricular and leadership opportunities for our students, we have recently established an innovative Sustainability Laboratory (S-Lab). All this, along with ongoing improvements to our operations, such as clean, renewable energy coming in from the greater UC system, contribute to our growing collection of initiatives that demonstrate UC Santa Cruz's commitment to sustainable campus and community development.

I am especially grateful to the many staff members and students that helped gather, analyze and compile this data. We appreciate the opportunity STARS provides us to showcase our successes and as a guiding document to help our campus continue to advance our sustainability efforts.

Sincerely,

George Blumenthal  
Chancellor