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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability
in Higher Education
213 ½ North Limestone
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Dear STARS Committee:

Keene State College is pleased to submit our STARS self-assessment today, February 16, 2012. As President, I affirm that the information submitted is an accurate and comprehensive representation of our sustainability efforts on Campus.

As New Hampshire's public liberal arts college, Keene State College has a mandate to serve the needs of its community. Part of this responsibility is the good stewardship of our shared environment and adherence across all areas of the Campus to the principles and practices of sustainability.

The Keene State College actions and activities detailed in the report are the outgrowth of a grassroots Campus Community effort and represents a common commitment to protect our natural resources, be good stewards of our economic resources and encourage mutual respect and support for all people. Coordinated by the President's Council for a Sustainable Future, the plan advances the College's mission and values and enhances the academic plan, which identifies respect for the natural environment as a core institutional value. The assessment, intended to be a living document that evolves with the campus, also creates an expectation for even greater action and future innovation around sustainability.

With the STARS assessment, Keene State College continues a tradition of responsiveness to the pressing needs of our community and the world. Through this important document, the Campus joins other colleges and universities in affirming the significance of our environment and preserving its wealth for future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen F. Giles-Gee".

Helen F. Giles-Gee
President

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