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STARS Steering Committee  
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
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Members of the STARS Steering Committee:

On behalf of Saint Louis University, I am pleased to affirm and present our third Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) submission. The information included in the report is a complete and accurate representation of our current sustainability initiatives. As a charter participant, Saint Louis University (SLU) is committed to the continued use of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) STARS reporting system to enhance sustainability on campus and in the community.

Founded in 1818, Saint Louis University is the oldest university west of the Mississippi River. For our Catholic, Jesuit university, practicing environmentally friendly and sustainable ways to live on this planet certainly aligns with our mission, which aims to serve a higher purpose by contributing to the greater good.

Saint Louis University's Sustainability Advisory Council has utilized STARS as a comprehensive and transparent measuring tool to benchmark our progress throughout the years. The STARS report allows us to communicate and recognize successes, which increases participation, pride and the desire to join SLU as a new student, faculty or staff member. Additionally, STARS provides our University a means and methodology for identifying areas of improvement, learning best practices and prioritizing goals, all of which are essential to ensure our institution continues for another 200 years. Our participation in STARS and the progress we have made since our initial submission are remarkable. I am humbled by what our University has accomplished and I couldn't be more proud to call myself a "Green Billiken".

Sincerely,

Fred P. Pestello, Ph.D.  
President

cc: Brandon Verhoff, Director of Sustainability and Benchmarking