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Dear Members of the AASHE STARS Steering Committee:

We are pleased to submit the first STARS report from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. To the best of our knowledge, the information is accurate, up to date, and fully encompasses our sustainability initiatives.

We recognize STARS as an objective and transparent tool for measuring progress toward environmental, social, and economic sustainability throughout higher education. STARS enables us to benchmark our performance and to measure our progress over time. We are glad such a tool has been developed.

The Sustainability Office at UNC Chapel Hill led the STARS assessment. They relied upon data developed and submitted by staff across the University. Information about sustainability courses and research was collected initially by two teams of students in environmental studies capstone courses taught by Sustainability Director Cindy Shea and Sustainable Triangle Field Site Director Elizabeth Shay. The Sustainability Advisory Committee, which includes representatives from planning, operations, academics, research and student life, provided helpful guidance and feedback. To ensure the accuracy of our submission, each responsible party reviewed the STARS report and confirmed the veracity of the information.

We are proud to be a charter STARS participant and to attain a STARS Silver rating. Sustainability is a core value at Carolina and we are committed to leading the effort to achieve a more sustainable future.

Sincerely,

H. Holden Thorp