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Mr. Chris Pelton
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Dear Mr. Pelton:

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is proud to share its sustainability progress and accomplishments with the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). This submission is our third AASHE STARS report and it reflects the hard work and commitment of students, faculty, staff and administrators across our campus as well as our pan-university dedication to transforming Carolina into a living laboratory for environmental and energy innovation. Since submitting our last STARS report, we have:

- Completed a *Sustainability Plan* that aims “to create a more sustainable environment, healthier communities and improved economic opportunities by scaling the positive impact of our behaviors, educational activities, campus operations and global stewardship.”
- Launched the *Three Zeros Initiative* to achieve water neutrality, greenhouse gas neutrality and zero waste. Carolina has already reduced its potable water use in campus buildings by 60 percent, energy use by 31 percent and achieved a waste diversion rate of 47 percent.
- Signed the *Real Food Challenge* committing to at least 20 percent Real Food purchases by 2020. This goal is the result of collaboration among students, dining staff, faculty and administrators and supports the three-year campus theme “Food for All.”
- Launched the Edible Campus Initiative to plant more campus landscapes with edible, medicinal and pollinator-friendly plants. Multiple planting days engaged hundreds of students with the largest installation celebrated behind the university’s Davis Library on Earth Day.

I am pleased to share our AASHE STARS 2.1 report with you and appreciate your role in supporting campuses interested in transparently and objectively assessing their progress on the path to sustainability. To the best of our knowledge, this report is complete and accurate. The data gathering effort, led by Sustainability @ UNC, reflects the contributions of dozens of academic and administrative offices.

Sincerely,



Carol L. Folt