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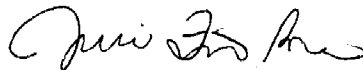
STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement
of Sustainability in Higher Education
213 ½ N. Limestone
Lexington, KY 40507

Dear STARS Steering Committee:

I am pleased to submit Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) first STARS self-assessment, a clear expression of SIUE's commitment to sustainability as a whole, with environmental stewardship being one of the University's stated values. SIUE has been engaged in activities and behaviors that enhance sustainability for many years—long before the term came into widespread use. In many cases the activities or initiatives were undertaken for reliability or cost savings, but had “sustainable” consequences. More recently, the campus has taken great strides towards integrating sustainability into all areas of operations and academics and is committed to continued progress on this journey. SIUE is a signatory of the Illinois Sustainability Campus Compact and when all current construction is complete, the campus will have seven USGBC LEED-certified buildings.

I affirm that the information contained in this report is accurate and complete. SIUE is pleased to be participating in such a worthy endeavor and we look forward to our continued collaboration with AASHE to advance sustainability in higher education.

Sincerely yours,



Julie Furst-Bowe
Chancellor

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