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Paul Rowland, Executive Director  
Association for the Advancement of  
Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)  
1536 Wynkoop St., Suite 100  
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Mr. Rowland:

I am pleased to announce that West Chester University is submitting its first official Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) report as a Reporting Institution and affirm that it accurately represents sustainability initiatives at West Chester University. Most of the work on this assessment was completed by Dr. Tim Lutz and WCU's STARS Intern, Ashley P. Duffy, and I want to thank them here. I also am grateful to the many people who provided excellent information to enable them to complete their work.

West Chester University's commitment to the environment is evident through the geothermal project, my signing of the Presidents' Climate Commitment, as well as the completion of the STARS assessment of our institution's work to protect the environment. Other efforts include the work of the Sustainability Committee on our campus and our partnership with the Borough of West Chester. We will also reach out to our other neighbors to leverage our commitment and resources to protect our environment and way of life. We will continue to exercise leadership in environmental responsibility and build our commitment to the environment into our coursework and strategic planning.

STARS is a valuable tool and we look forward to using the results of the STARS assessment as a baseline for tracking progress and as a guide for improving our campus performance.

Sincerely,



Greg R. Weisenstein, Ed.D.  
President