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Members of the STARS Review Committee,

On behalf of Westminster College in Salt Lake City, I am pleased to submit our fifth STARS self-assessment. This comprehensive look at sustainability across our operations, curriculum, and engagement efforts has once again helped us identify opportunities for future improvement and reaffirmed our areas of strength. I am particularly delighted to see that we continue to do so well in the campus engagement category. Students are the driving force behind sustainability at Westminster, and our Environmental Center has created outstanding opportunities for student leadership in this area. I am also pleased to see that our water conservation efforts over the last few years have helped us to substantially reduce our water usage. As an institution in the western United States, where drought affects nearly every aspect of life, it is our responsibility to be stewards of this precious natural resource.

As has previously been the case, the data collection for STARS was conducted in part by our talented students. At Westminster, we encourage students to accept responsibility for their learning, to discover and pursue their passions, and to promote more equitable and sustainable communities. STARS has provided rich opportunities for this, allowing students to get involved with sustainability at an institutional level. A survey of Westminster graduates who participated in STARS completion indicated that it significantly increased their understanding of sustainability and helped them develop skills critical to success after graduation.

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained here is an accurate accounting of our current sustainability landscape. Since our first STARS report in 2011, Westminster has put in place several data collection mechanisms to help us more accurately measure sustainability indicators on campus. I would like to thank all of the students, staff, and faculty who worked to ensure that what we report is correct and fulfills each credit criteria. This is no small task, and I applaud their diligence in preparing this comprehensive look at Westminster's sustainability. Thank you to AASHE as well for creating and maintaining this important tool.

Sincerely,

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President