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To: Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)  
From: Douglas Terp, Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer  
Subject: AASHE Sustainability Tracking and Assessment Rating System (STARS) Submission  
Version 2.1

Dear AASHE,

Colby College is pleased to submit our institution's latest STARS certification for your review. We are excited to submit at the Platinum level. The submission in its entirety has been verified for accuracy by a variety of campus stakeholders.

At Colby we recognize that global climate change, pollution, environmental degradation, and loss of biological and ecosystem diversity are key challenges of our times. Colby seeks to lead by example to foster morally responsible environmental stewardship through education, conservation, and conscientious policies and procedures. Campus sustainability and resource conservation are among the core values of the College, which help shape Colby's vision for the future. Environmentally safe practices inform and guide campus strategic planning, decision-making, and daily operations.

This latest STARS submission incorporates a number of additional accomplishments since our last submission under version 2.0 of the rating system in 2014 that resulted in a Gold Rating. These achievements include the construction of a large-scale solar array that will provide 16 percent of the College's electricity and new, innovative partnerships with the Herring Gut Learning Center and the Up East foundation that support environmental education. The College also launched the Buck Environment and Climate Change Lab, which supports academic research, internships, and global experiences focused on environmental sustainability and climate change. Our new Sustainability Action Plan continues Colby's long-standing commitment to environmental stewardship by adopting a broad approach to sustainability that recognizes personal and institutional responsibilities for reducing our impact on the local and global environment.

Thank you for your consideration and thoughtful review. We look forward to your assessment.