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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to present Elon University's sixth Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) submission. Elon is proud to maintain its participation in this comprehensive self-assessment for institutions of higher education.

Since Elon's last STARS submission in February 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has profoundly impacted our world. Elon has navigated the challenges of the pandemic with resiliency and a focus on community well-being. In fall 2020, most residential students returned to on campus housing, and classes were held primarily in-person, with hybrid or remote instruction utilized as needed and with COVID-19 safety protocols in place. The campus continues to operate in-person with COVID-19 safety protocols in place. Given this and the value of maintaining consistency among Elon's STARS reports, the majority of this report is based on fiscal year 2020-2021.

Despite the impacts of the pandemic, Elon University has maintained progress on its sustainability goals and continues to work toward carbon neutrality by 2037. Since 2005, energy consumption per square foot has decreased by 38%, even though square footage has more than doubled. The number of identified sustainability courses and faculty working on sustainability research have both increased since the last STARS submission. In addition, Elon students have numerous opportunities to engage with sustainability ideas outside of the classroom through student organizations, speakers, neighborhood events, campus programs, learning communities and many more. Diversity, equity and inclusion remain a key part of Elon's core values and are integral to preparing students to be global citizens able to thrive in an interconnected world.

I affirm the information in this submission is an accurate representation of Elon University's sustainability initiatives. Participation in STARS has helped the institution identify strengths and areas for improvement. We are proud of the progress made to date which attributed to a STARS Silver rating and look forward to continuing participation in STARS in the future.

Sincerely,

Connie Ledoux Book
President