

February 21, 2023

Ms. Meghan Fay Zahniser
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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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Dear Ms. Zahniser:

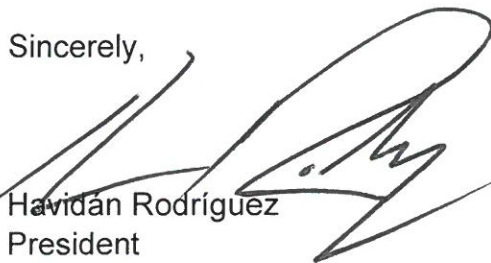
I am very pleased to submit our fourth STARS assessment for your review. At the University at Albany, we strive to work collectively and collaboratively to foster a culture of sustainability; emphasizing our strengths in climate science, health disparities, and the preparation and response to extreme weather events.

This letter affirms my confidence in the accuracy of the data submitted as collected by campus members under the guidance of our Director of Sustainability, Dr. Mary Ellen Mallia. Since the last submission, we have made several notable improvements, including the expansion of our academic offerings by adding the Department of Environmental and Sustainable Engineering; adopting a Climate Action and Sustainability Plan; constructing a LEED Platinum certified building; and installing the largest rooftop solar array in the entire State University of New York (SUNY) system. We appreciate the facilitation STARS provides for data driven decision making, reflection on progress, and creation of recommendations for improvement.

Thank you for your consideration of our STARS report and for the leadership and support AASHE provides.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Havidan Rodriguez
President