

December 19, 2018

Ms. Meghan Fay Zahniser Executive Director AASHE 2401 Walnut Street Suite 102 Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear Ms. Zahniser:

On behalf of the University at Albany, it is my pleasure to endorse and submit our third STARS report. We appreciate AASHE's leadership in providing this opportunity, and for your strong and effective support for institutions of higher education to reach our aspirations around sustainability.

We have been striving to incorporate sustainability in our curriculum, operations, research, and engagement since the inception of our program in 2008. To elevate this commitment across our institution, earlier this year we embedded sustainability as a value in our new strategic plan, calling on the importance of working collectively toward the common good and creating a sustainable way of life on earth.

I can affirm the accuracy of the work completed by our campus community under the coordination of Dr. Mary Ellen Mallia, our Director of Sustainability. This report will provide us with vital information for the creation of the University's first sustainability plan, which we will be drafting in the coming months.

Again, thank you for your consideration of our STARS report; please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Havidán Rodríguez

President