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President

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STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
213 ½ North Limestone
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Dear STARS Steering Committee:

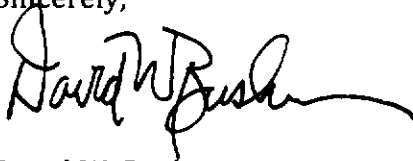
It is my pleasure to submit Bridgewater College's first Sustainability and Tracking and Rating System (STARS) report to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education.

Under the guidance of our Center for Sustainability, the STARS report is primarily compiled by students with faculty and staff oversight. The final STARS report was presented to the campus sustainability committee on April 2, 2013. At that time students discussed their preliminary findings, the methodologies they applied to collect data, and confirmed each credit from responsible parties. In addition, faculty members who assisted with the quality control oversight of the report affirmed to the committee the detailed content of the report and the experience gained from reviewing the final document. Thus, I attest that the report submitted to AASHE is true and comprehensive to the best of my knowledge.

Bridgewater College takes seriously its responsibilities to the environment, society and future generations: We have constructed our first LEED certified building, completed a comprehensive energy audit, and recently systematized our efforts in this area under the guidance of our Center for Sustainability. These efforts are but the first of many steps the College will take to achieve our sustainability goals as outlined in our BC 2020 Strategic Plan: Principles of sustainability and stewardship will be part of the student experience and will be promoted within the entire College community.

The College has gained valuable lessons from STARS and its report and will use this experience to expand sustainability programs and advance environmental stewardship in the future.

Sincerely,



David W. Bushman

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