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**HOUSTON**

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FACILITIES/CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

March 3, 2022

The Association of the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
213 ½ North Limestone  
Lexington, Kentucky 70507

Re: University of Houston STARS Submission

The University of Houston is proud to submit our most recent STARS performance metrics and data reporting for ranking review. While COVID-19 has impacted much over the last two years, the University has continued its commitment to fostering a safe and healthy community while furthering our ongoing commitments to building futures and maintaining excellence in sustainability.

In addition to maintaining our STARS Gold rating, UH also maintained its recognition in *The Princeton Review's 2021 Guide to Green Colleges*, as well as earning our first *Healthy Campus USA* recognition from the *Partnership for a Healthier America*. Furthermore, we have also been recognized for our "Campus Pride Index", Diversity and Equity Recognition, as well as for serving underrepresented students.

On the operations side, the University has adopted new design guidelines to ensure that all new construction for our campus will be LEED silver Certified at a minimum. Additionally, our campus Dining partners have achieved a Green Restaurant Certification and committed to have a "Zero Waste to Landfill" resident dining program. Lastly, we are also proud to announce that the University has achieved full Open Access to Research.

As the report will show, all the above innovations are building on an established culture of sustainability at the University of Houston. We continue to offer a minor in Energy and Sustainability, continuing education for both students and staff in sustainable topics, and various outreach and engagement programming via UH Energy to educate the next generation of professionals.

Sincerely,

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