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Dear AASHE STARS® Steering Committee:

As a proud Gold-ranking STARS® member of The Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, we, at the University of Houston, are pleased to submit our most recent performance metrics and data reporting for ranking review.

Along with forward progress noted across our entire operations, in collaboration with our campus community partners and external key stakeholders, we are honored to have been bestowed with recent recognition in support of our overall sustainability efforts, notably inclusion within the Princeton Review's *"Guide to 399 Green Colleges" 2018 Edition*, Keep Houston Beautiful Mayor's Proud Partner Landmark Awards for the Campus Tree Survey and the Bike Share Program, as well as a three-year designation as a Tree Campus USA by the nationally renowned Arbor Day Foundation.

While accolades are appreciated, we, at the University of Houston, also fully recognize that our actions speak louder than words, and it is incumbent upon each one of us, from Faculty to Staff to our entire stellar student population, as well as our valued community partners, alumni, and key stakeholders, to fully embrace sustainability as a mindset and actionable imperative in all that we are and do on a daily basis.

In addition, sustainability innovation and research continues to thrive and lead our collective community partner initiatives, which encompassed the work as a foundational partner of the newly formed Hurricane Resilience Research Institute and supporting the Houston community with UH Cares by providing economic and other relief support to those in need. Across our entire operations, from our "green" dining services to recycling

engagement initiatives, as well as within our Planning and Administration long-range strategic goals, we are continually taking visionary steps on the forward-looking journey in our Path to Platinum.

For example, from the lens of our vast 45,000-strong student population, our emerging leaders are going beyond the classroom by applying research to assist with designing weather- resilient developments around the Houston region.

Leading the charge with inspirational research and development are our esteemed Faculty and dedicated Staff, who are pursuing the possibilities of new endeavors in the renewable and efficiency energy sectors with a potential impact that knows no boundaries.

At the University of Houston, we instill in our students the motivation to “reach for the STARS,” to be held accountable to a higher standard as a legacy of commitment and intrinsic, long-standing value to all—and it is our highest priority that as a leader across the higher educational landscape our overall efforts toward ongoing improvements and forward progress follows the same overarching path.

Very best regards-

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Renu Khator". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue underline beneath the name.

Renu Khator