



February 14, 2013

STARS Steering Committee  
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
213½ North Limestone Boulevard  
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

Dear Members of the STARS Steering Committee:

On behalf of the University of Richmond, I am pleased to affirm the accuracy of our submission for the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS). It is with this report that we show the great strides the University of Richmond is making towards sustainability.

The University of Richmond is committed to reducing our environmental impact and striving to create a sustainable university. To that end, the University has implemented a Climate Action Plan, setting 2050 as the target date for carbon neutrality, with an interim target of a 30 percent reduction in carbon emissions by 2020. The STARS program is an important way for us to track our progress in reaching these goals. In addition, our Sustainability department is working to reduce the University's impact by establishing institutional conservation and efficiency efforts and educating the campus community about the importance of individual behavior changes.

The University of Richmond is proud to take part in the AASHE STARS program and to affirm our commitment to reducing our environmental impact. We look forward to future participation in STARS and taking further steps to reach our sustainability goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward L. Ayers".

Edward Ayers  
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