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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
213 1/2 North Limestone
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Re: The University of Texas at Austin STARS 1.0 Submission

The University of Texas at Austin has long been recognized as a university focused on meeting the needs of society through innovative research and leadership development. In these challenging times for higher education across the country, I believe many of our efforts demonstrate our institution has maintained a steadfast and clear commitment to the ideals of sustainability.

I am pleased to affirm the work led by Dr. Pat Clubb, vice president for University Operations, on completing this submittal for a STARS Silver rating. A broad cross-section of our staff, faculty and students participated in months of diligent collection and review of the data in this report. Their depth of knowledge and interest in our institution's sustainability efforts will greatly benefit our President's Sustainability Steering Committee in utilizing this STARS framework to guide our internal goal setting and implementation activities.

We note, however, that several STARS credits are particularly difficult for large, public institutions to attain to appropriately reflect their efforts, and we look forward to continuing to work within the STARS Governance Structure to refine the STARS system.

The University of Texas at Austin takes very seriously the challenges facing the world and our role in meeting these challenges in both our academic and operational endeavors in ways that exemplify sustainability. Thank you for this opportunity to benchmark our efforts with our peers as we all strive to do better and do more.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill".

William Powers, Jr.
President