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AASHE STARS Steering Committee
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On behalf of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), I am pleased to support the submission of our fifth Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) report. I affirm, to the best of my knowledge, that the information included in this report is comprehensive and accurate.

UNL serves as both the land-grant and the comprehensive public university for the State of Nebraska. Through three primary missions of teaching, research, and service, UNL seeks to promote the environmental, social, and economic well-being of Nebraska through the socially responsible stewardship of natural resources.

UNL's commitment to sustainability has been demonstrated through a variety of programs and initiatives, detailed throughout this STARS v2.2 submission, which we are optimistic will yield our inaugural Gold rating.

A few areas I am especially proud to highlight include:

- **Planning & Administration:** Adopted in November of 2020, UNL's Environmental, Sustainability, and Resilience Masterplan provides a framework for fostering a more sustainable and resilient university across all major components and constituencies to create a sustainability-centric culture.
- **Facilities & Operations:** Successful adoption of the All in the Hall recycling program as the campus-wide standard for recycling at UNL. The program will be implemented across campus to foster progress towards institutional waste reduction and landfill diversion goals.
- **Community Engagement:** UNL's commitment to collaborative problem solving through the development of the Lincoln Climate Smart Collaborative – an interagency partnership between UNL, Lincoln Public Schools, the City of Lincoln, and Lincoln Electric System – works to address shared resiliency and sustainability goals across the entire community.
- **Academics:** The commitment of \$40 million over the next four years to invest in strategic, goal-based solutions through the UNL Grand Challenges Initiative, which identifies thematic areas to focus expertise and resources. Two of these areas directly relate to environment, sustainability, and resiliency topics and will further position the University as a leader in innovation.

The opportunity to measure UNL's sustainability performance and identify areas for continued growth, thanks to the leadership of AASHE, is so important to drive us forward. The leadership you provide to higher education institutions is crucial to the development of a culture of sustainability at Nebraska, and among higher education institutions globally.

Sincerely,

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