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Association to Advance Sustainability in Higher Education 1536 Wynkoop St., Suite 100 Denver, CO 80202

Re: Approval of the University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus STARS Submission

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the University of Colorado Denver Anschutz Medical Campus, I am glad to support and approve our submission for the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS). Over the past year, staff, faculty and students have worked diligently to provide the best available data for this submission and I believe it to be accurate and to represent significant efforts on the part of the university to move sustainability forward.

The University continues to be a leader and an innovator in addressing all aspects of sustainability on our campuses as we foster an energetic, collaborative and creative environment where we develop and employ new ideas and technologies. Our entrepreneurial culture enables us to expand the frontiers of knowledge and human experience. We enrich the well-being and sustainability of communities and our cultural, living and natural environments. We promote healthy lifestyles, prevent, diagnose and treat disease and deliver high-quality and compassionate health care. Sustainability is central to these efforts.

Participation in STARS has allowed for a significant study of how sustainability is engaged on many levels of university activities and has allowed us to capture these activities as a snapshot in time of what the university has undertaken in recent years. It has shown us the differing expressions of sustainability within our academic programs, our facilities, our administration and our community. Through STARS, we have come to see our strengths, uncover new opportunities and understand where we must improve.

We recognize that this submission represents the beginning of a process rather than an end and we will strive to keep sustainability as an integral part of planning our future as an institution. We will also continue to collaborate with our community to make sure that sustainability is an equitable experience for all people we affect and that we continue to collaborate to find creative and effective solutions to the challenges of the future. I believe this submission provides us with a good start for that future.

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Chancellor