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To Whom It May Concern:

As president of Case Western Reserve University, it is my pleasure to offer our Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Reporting System (STARS) submission to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) and confirm that the information included is accurate.

At Case Western Reserve University we are proud of our sustainability initiatives and accomplishments. We have incorporated principles of sustainability and our climate neutrality goals in our master plan, collaborate with community groups to encourage sustainability leadership regionally, are finalizing a new energy strategy plan to set rigorous efficiency targets for new construction and renovation projects, and invest in cutting-edge academic sustainability research. One of our most recent accomplishments is obtaining Tree Campus USA designation. A highlight in our Tree Campus application is a new pedestrian connector, The Nord Family Greenway, opening this spring which resulted in nearly 100 new trees being planted in our Cleveland neighborhood, University Circle <http://case.edu/nordgreenway/>.

In the fall of the 2017, the university contracted with Sightlines to help the sustainability office collect and verify our data for the purpose of issuing our first STARS public submission.

We value our AASHE membership and the STARS tool and will use the benchmarking it provides to further guide our sustainability planning and program development. We are honored to be part of this nationwide effort moving toward a more sustainable future.

Sincerely,



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cc: Stephen Campbell, Vice President for Campus Planning and Facilities Management
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