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Dr. Michael Kensler, Director
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Dear Mike:

Dean June Henton, executive director of the Hunger Solutions Institute (HSI), and I are extremely pleased that the recently established HSI is included in the Auburn University Sustainability Tracking and Assessment Rating System (STARS) report as an innovative and comprehensive educational model that represents a best practice in human sustainability. There are several aspects of the Hunger Solutions Institute that collectively distinguish it from other entities of its kind. These include: 1) Auburn's unique partnership with the United Nations World Food Programme ; 2) a focus on both domestic and global hunger; 3) a robust grassroots student awareness, advocacy, and action campaign comprised of 300 universities worldwide known as Universities Fighting World Hunger; 4) a comprehensive academic agenda that addresses teaching (e.g., Hunger Studies undergraduate minor), research (e.g., in agriculture, nutrition, supply chain management; health disparities; engineering), and outreach (e.g., Ending Child Hunger in Alabama campaign); and 5) an emphasis on strategic partnerships, both public and private (e.g., Stop Hunger Now, Feeding America, Elanco, Food and Agriculture Organization, USDA).

In brief, the HSI's overarching aim is to "connect people and ideas that work" through innovation, discovery, communication, and education. As such, Institute faculty and staff are committed to the implementation of a comprehensive human sustainability agenda that galvanizes the global higher education community in the fight against hunger and engages multi-sector stakeholder groups in the creation of dynamic, 21st century solutions that will ensure lasting food security.

Thank you for your support. I will be happy to provide further information to you or anyone else who would like to learn more about the Hunger Solutions Institute.

Kindest regards,

Harriet W. Giles, Ph.D.
Managing Director
Hunger Solutions Institute