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Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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Dear STARS Steering Committee:

As the leader of this fine institution, I write to affirm that the University of Cincinnati's second Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) submission is correct to the best of my knowledge. The information contained therein has been compiled by staff from the University of Cincinnati's Department of Planning + Design + Construction and other employees who oversee each area of the report.

I am extremely proud of the achievements UC has made in our journey toward a more sustainable campus. Our rich history of environmental engagement includes student-led initiatives to promote sustainable practices along with interdisciplinary educational experiences in a variety of sustainability-related degree programs. More recently we have focused institutional investments in energy and water conservation and supported research initiatives spanning from the study of new renewable fuel sources to identifying injustices in modern society.

Utilizing STARS reporting underscores our strengths and successes, while at the same time highlighting opportunities to enhance our efforts. Sustainability is included in UC's Strategic Plan and Academic Master Plan as a core principle for the university, and STARS creates a consistent, transparent mechanism to track and report progress to our stakeholders.

As a public institution we have a responsibility to those we serve to operate in an efficient, effective and sustainable manner. As a major research university, we also have a unique opportunity to make new discoveries that advance sustainability. We are finding ways to maximize the benefits of the work we do at the university, while minimizing any financial, environmental and societal costs. I am dedicated to the success of these efforts and to making sustainability an inherent part of everything we do at UC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Neville G. Pinto'.

Neville G. Pinto
President