



March 6, 2020

Dear AASHE Leaders:

Though I have served as president at Hope College for less than one year, it is clear to me that Hope College is very committed to being a leader with regard to sustainability. For over two decades Hope has been working in various ways to be good stewards of the natural world and to educate our students to be responsible caretakers of creation. Indeed, at Hope we believe two foundational things: God has called us to be good stewards of His creation, and caring for creation is one way we can love our neighbor.

Since becoming a member of AASHE we have made even more progress, so thank you for all of your good work in supporting colleges like us in the higher education community. For example, the STARS Report has been very helpful to us in identifying our strengths and weaknesses and also in measuring our progress, from our bronze rating in 2012 to our silver rating in 2017. And with this letter comes the submission of our latest data and up-to-date information for 2020.

While we have done much in recent years to promote a more sustainable future, we also know that we must do more to reduce our impact on our neighbors near and far for generations to come. I am committed to moving Hope forward and greatly appreciate your assistance along the way.

Sincerely,

Matthew A. Scogin
President