

February 28, 2019

AASHE-STARS Steering Committee  
2401 Walnut Street Suite 102  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear STARS Steering Committee,

It is my pleasure to affirm the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's submission to the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS). Staff from our Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (iSEE) coordinated the data collection process with invaluable assistance from Campus Facilities & Services. Maintaining our Gold STARS rating demonstrates our ongoing commitment to meeting the needs of this generation of students while preserving the environment for future generations.

Illinois continues to be a worldwide leader in cutting-edge research in sustainable fields. Our Energy Scholars have pioneered projects related to sustainable energy generation, energy storage, and infrastructure that is resilient to extreme weather and temperatures. Our Water Scholars have taken a leading role in ensuring safe, clean drinking water while balancing the needs for increased food and power production. Our agricultural and plant biology experts have made breakthroughs into modeling plant-based food and fuel that are more efficient and adaptable to climate change.

As a premier institution of higher education, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has a profound responsibility to model sustainable education, research, and activities. I am confident we will remain a leader in this regard for years to come.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Jones  
Chancellor