

MEMORANDUM

From: Noah Upchurch, Sustainability Coordinator, Catawba College Center for the Environment

Date: 1/24/2024

Re: AASHE STARS Letter of Affirmation for Pre-Submission Review

To Whom It May Concern,

In March of 2023, I was contacted by Nicole Arsenault, Program Director, Sustainability, at York University after attending the AASHE STARS “A Deep Dive into STARS Data Quality” workshop. Members of the York University team expressed a desire to have their report reviewed before its anticipated date of submission. Our institutions utilized the STARS Review Template to evaluate credit areas sufficiently to qualify for external review under credit area PA-4, Reporting Assurance. I identified areas of concern, York University team members acted on suggested improvements, and both parties improved data quality for York University’s report in the process. After an initial round of review and improvements, I believe that York University’s report contains accurate information that is consistent across credits.

If any questions or concerns arise about the nature of the review, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at the email address below.

Best regards,
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