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STARS Steering Committee  
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
213 ½ North Limestone  
Lexington, KY 40507

Dear STARS Steering Committee,

It is the philosophy of Ohio University that developing, fostering and practicing sustainable behaviors is the responsibility of every member of our campus community. Sustainability should be seen as an opportunity to grow our institutional programs, professional investments and our personal well-being. We are hopeful that, in addition to our robust institutional Sustainability Plan and Climate Action Plan, the STARS reporting process will allow us the opportunity to critically analyze all aspects of this University and its operations.

I am confident that sustainability at our University will continue to thrive well into the future through programs and offices such as our:

- Common Experience Project on Sustainability
- Center for Energy Independence, Economic Growth and Environmental Sustainability
- Office of Sustainability
- Ecology and Energy Conservation Committee
- Environmental Studies Graduate program
- Environmental Studies Certificate program
- Various student organizations

Ohio University is pleased to submit its first STARS Report. We look forward to continuing our relationship with the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education through this reporting tool. This letter is to serve as verification that the information included in our STARS report is accurate to the best of the abilities of all reporting agents within our institution.

Cordially,

Roderick M. McDavis  
President