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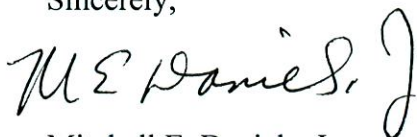
Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee,

I am pleased to affirm that Purdue University's inaugural submission for the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) is an accurate representation of our campus sustainability initiatives based on data from the 2011-2012 academic/fiscal year. This national benchmarking effort fulfills our goals for reporting and transparency of both our New Synergies Strategic Plan and our Sustainability Strategic Plan.

Our STARS submission is an important milestone in Purdue's sustainability efforts, which were formalized with the development of the Sustainability Strategic Plan in 2010 and the creation of the Office of University Sustainability in 2011. This benchmark will form the basis for continuous improvement over time, and will provide the necessary 'self-awareness' to improve our stewardship efforts and to realize further resource efficiencies.

At Purdue, we seek to integrate students and faculty into operational initiatives which provide hands-on experience and experiential learning. In addition to highlighting Purdue's sustainability performance, the data contained in this STARS submission will empower the student body and faculty to explore the application of sustainability concepts in our campus environment and in our curriculum. We look forward to working with our campus community, AASHE, and our peers to advance Purdue's sustainability goals.

Sincerely,



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President