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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write to affirm the State University of New York (SUNY) at Potsdam's STARS submission.

At SUNY Potsdam, an appreciation for the environment is integral to the student experience. With the Adirondack mountains as a backyard, SUNY Potsdam remains committed to embracing our unique responsibility as an institution of higher education to provide leadership for the transition toward a more resilient, sustainable society. By fostering a culture of sustainability, SUNY Potsdam strives to prepare students to address the intertwining social, economic and ecological challenges of our increasingly complex and interdependent world.

SUNY Potsdam is a member of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, and is dedicated to creating a sustainable future by taking steps to reduce negative environmental impacts. SUNY Potsdam was featured as one of the most environmentally responsible colleges in the U.S. and Canada in Princeton Review's 2017 Guide to Green Colleges.

SUNY Potsdam is committed to a comprehensive approach to sustainability. Sustainability is a key part of the campus strategic plan and I am working directly with the sustainability team to ensure the accomplishment of our goals. The STARS process will be a foundation for our first comprehensive sustainability plan.

If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Kristin G. Esterberg, Ph.D.

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