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AASHE STARS Review Team
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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Dear STARS Review Team:

On behalf of Seattle University, I affirm that the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Ratings System (STARS) version 2.2 report that we are submitting has been accurately compiled. The report was completed with the participation of faculty and staff from across campus. Our third SeattleU STARS report demonstrates how Seattle University strives to prioritize all facets of sustainability through our educational, campus engagement, operational, and planning activities.

Seattle University's commitment to sustainability is reflected by how our students, faculty and staff work together with our neighbors to care for nature and for the well-being of our community. Our recently adopted Strategic Directions 2020-2025 envision the university as a leader in environmental sustainability that is socially just while recognizing the centrality of environmental justice to our mission and values. In 2018, Seattle University became the first Jesuit institution in the U.S. to commit to full divestment from fossil fuels. Through investments in new campus infrastructure and energy conservation, we have reduced our greenhouse gas emissions by 16 percent since 2009. Our new Center for Science and Innovation which will open in Spring 2021 will be operated using fossil-fuel free energy sources. In addition, our faculty has developed over 300 sustainability-related courses, and our students are engaged in a multitude of co-curricular sustainability activities within our community.

Seattle University is committed to going farther with our sustainability efforts, and we will use the STARS 2.2 report as a means for identifying areas of improvement for the coming years.

Sincerely,

Stephen V. Sundborg, S.J.
President

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