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Dear AASHE members,

Belmont University has had a long-standing commitment to sustainability. Belmont's Vision 2020 represents our commitment to strategies that support our dedication to people and our environment. Strategies focused specifically on sustainability include: committing to environmentally sustainable practices as we pursue reducing our per-student carbon footprint; finding ways to educate our students regarding the importance of caring for the natural environment; being known for the active service-learning components of our curriculum; leveraging our academic expertise to meet the needs for continuing education in Nashville; committing to give of ourselves as faculty, staff, administrators and students to community service organizations and to offer ourselves for leadership positions when appropriate; continuing to support the Bridges to Belmont initiative as a re-investment in our community; supporting community initiatives that align with our educational mission—such as the Middle Tennessee STEM Innovation Hub, Nashville Arts and Business Council and the Tennessee Arts Academy—within the boundaries of fiscal responsibility; and being a gathering place for the community for important events such as executive education, nonprofit fundraisers, fair and balanced political debates and discussions, and responding to community-wide disasters and emergencies.

The information provided in this report was researched and compiled under the direction of Belmont's Vice President for Spiritual Development and chair of the Sustainability committee. To the best of my knowledge, the information found within our STARS report is the most accurate representation of the University's sustainability initiatives. I am pleased to submit this report to you and thankful for the leadership provided by AASHE and the STARS program.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Fisher, President