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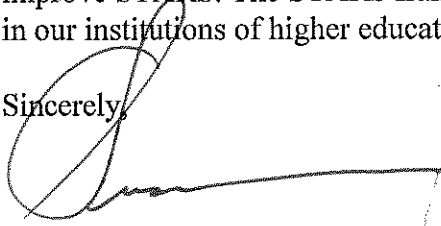
To the members of the STARS Steering Committee,

As President of Eastern Mennonite University, I affirm this submission to AASHE's Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS). Gathering the data for this submission is a valuable opportunity for the university community to take stock of the sustainability work that engages many of our faculty, staff and students.

This year marks ten years since more than 40 faculty, staff and students began meeting together weekly as the Creation Care Council. In the years since much has been accomplished including solar panels on our library, a five-year initiative to infuse sustainability into the undergraduate curriculum, three LEED Gold residence halls, a compost facility with five vegetable gardens run by students and Facilities Management, and the addition of a campus sustainability coordinator. Five years ago we started our Office of Sustainability to coordinate many of these growing projects and programs, and the office continues to be instrumental in resourcing sustainability champions across campus, and in tracking both our campus's impact on our planet and our commitments to do better.

Thank you to the STARS Steering Committee for your diligent work to refine and improve STARS. The STARS framework is a wonderful guide to growing sustainability in our institutions of higher education.

Sincerely,



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President