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Ms. Meghan Fay Zahniser Executive Director AASHE 2401 Walnut Street Suite 102 Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear Ms. Zahniser:

On behalf of Iowa State University's students, faculty and staff, and as a pilot participant of the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS), I am pleased to submit this letter affirming the accuracy of Iowa State's recertification report for STARS 2.1. The information included within the report is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Iowa State is dedicated to conducting research and scholarship with local, national, and international impact. Rooted in the foundation of our mission as a public land-grant university serving Iowa, the nation and the world is a strong commitment to improving the quality of life and sustaining the planet. This has been exemplified through focus and accomplishment in areas including boosting crop production, protecting natural resources, advancing biobased fuels, refining wind turbines, designing human and animal vaccines, fostering economic growth and development and enhancing the quality of life through the arts and humanities. We recognize and readily accept our important role in educating and shaping lifelong behaviors, decisions and actions of our future citizens and leaders. Through these activities and many others, Iowa State presses forward, on a mission to help make the world sustainable for generations to come.

Our campus-wide Live Green! Initiative, in its eighth year, has offered collective embodiment of sustainability through continued enhancement and diversification of our sustainability education, engagement, and empowerment practices, resources, initiatives, and projects involving students, faculty and staff. We are proud and honored to showcase our continued progress and achievements of the past three years through this report.

STARS continues to be a valuable benchmarking and tracking tool for us toward meeting our current and future goals and making ongoing progress. Thank you for the opportunity to continue our participation in STARS and for the continued work and dedication given by you and your team toward ensuring this beneficial and relevant resource for sustainability in higher education.

Sincerely,

Steven Leath President