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OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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Ms. Wendy Scott
Executive Director
Association for the Advancement of
Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
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Dear Ms. Scott:

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 University's report. The information included within the report is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Embedded in the foundation of our mission as a public land-grant university serving Iowa, the nation and the world is a strong commitment to "lead in developing more sustainable ways to produce and deliver safe and nutritious food, water, materials, and energy; integrate the protection of plant, animal, and human health; and care for our environment." We recognize and readily accept our important role in educating and shaping life-long behaviors, decisions and actions of our future citizens and leaders, and we intend to become a leader in developing and embodying sustainable practices that integrate excellence in education with institutional accountability for our natural, economic and human resources.

Our campus-wide Live Green! initiative helps us focus and coordinate our efforts to enhance and expand sustainability practices, resources, initiatives and projects in every facet of living, working and learning at ISU, and to ensure that this effort is diversified and continuous. This report is a reflection of the success that our Live Green! team has had in our diligent journey toward a sustainable future.

STARS has been a valuable benchmarking and tracking tool for us in this effort, as it provides a well-rounded perspective and context to help us meet current and future goals and make ongoing progress. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in STARS and for all the work and dedication given by you and your team toward ensuring a beneficial and exemplary resource for sustainability in higher education.

Sincerely,

Steven Leath President