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STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 201
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Dear STARS Steering Committee Members:

On behalf of California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), I am pleased to submit our campus' first Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) report. I affirm that all efforts have been made to ensure that the information and data provided herein are accurate to the best of our ability and that our report is a true representation of CSULB's significant efforts to prioritize sustainability as a key principle in all we do.

California State University, Long Beach prides itself on being a diverse, student-centered, globally-engaged public university with a mission to expand educational opportunities, champion creativity, and prepare leaders for a changing world. We recognize that ensuring our students are equipped to become those leaders requires that we as a university model the types of physical, social, and intellectual environments that we would like to see them foster as citizens of the global community. To us, this means operating our campus in a way that conserves natural resources, supporting economic systems that are equitable to both people and the planet, and speaking out against social injustice. As a Charter Signatory to the Second Nature Climate Commitment, we understand the role that higher education institutions must play in mitigating our environmental impact and preparing students to tackle the challenges of a changing world. We do not take this responsibility lightly.

Our Sustainability Task Force, Office of Sustainability, Associated Students, Inc., 49er Shops, and numerous student-run organizations and working groups have worked diligently over the years to promote this shift toward more sustainability-focused operations and campus culture. We know we are a better university because of their efforts and thank them for all their hard work. Still, we know that there is much work yet to be done, and we intend to leverage the results of this assessment to not only highlight and celebrate our many achievements but also to identify new goals for further enhancing CSULB's leadership in sustainability.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to utilize the STARS tool to evaluate our sustainability efforts and serve as the platform for showcasing our achievements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Close Conoley".

Jane Close Conoley, Ph.D.
President