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Members of the STARS Review Committee:

I am writing to endorse the University of Rochester's Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) submission using the Version 2.2 reporting platform. The University of Rochester has been a participant of the STARS program since 2016, and we value our involvement as we continue to advance our sustainability initiatives. We have chosen to report with an extensive scope to be reflective of the entire University of Rochester, including our River Campus, Medical Center with Strong Memorial Hospital, the Eastman School of Music, Memorial Art Gallery, Laboratory for Laser Energetics, and residential life areas.

In joining the University in July of 2019, it was with the vision that we will embark together in our motto *Meliora*, meaning "ever better", to continue to improve in all things we do as a leader in education, healthcare and research. This includes maintaining and enhancing the University's strong commitment to community engagement and leading by example in our sustainability efforts as a part of the greater community and the world.

To formalize our commitment to sustainability, we have recently partnered with GreenerU to collaboratively develop sustainability goals and a plan of action for achievement at all levels of the University. Through this initiative, our STARS rating will be used as a platform to assess our position and guide us in the planning process. The University of Rochester recognizes the importance of measuring, tracking and reporting our sustainability efforts and values STARS as a tool to benchmark and further guide our sustainability planning.

As we advance to more ambitious goals, it also is important to reflect on our accomplishments. Efforts made to date have been made possible by the actions of many individuals within the University of Rochester community. With the submission of this report, we strive to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to sustainability as an institution and our awareness that this is one step along the journey toward a more just and sustainable future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah C. Mangelsdorf".

Sarah C. Mangelsdorf
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