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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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Dear Members of the AASHE STARS Steering Committee,

The George Washington University (GW) seeks to engage the world by exploring the important issues of our time, including the science and policy of sustainability, with a vision to create resource systems that are healthy and thriving for all people. I am pleased to affirm the university's submission to the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS).

Located in the heart of the nation's capital, GW is committed to supporting a sustainable world through efforts underway in operations, engagement, teaching, and research. As demonstrated in the STARS report, the university is involved in initiatives that encompass adaptation to climate change, green chemistry, healthy food systems, and more. Some highlights from the report include:

- More than 50% of GW's electricity comes from solar power generated at a 500-acre solar farm in partnership with Duke Energy Renewables.
- GW supports students as they conduct service learning in the local community in the areas of sustainable fashion, food access, and climate justice;
- Today we have more than 200 sustainability minors, who can select from more than 100 courses to complement and build upon their majors; and
- More GW faculty are doing research in sustainability than ever before, and designing new undergraduate and graduate courses related to sustainability.

The George Washington University appreciates the value of STARS in standardizing the measurement and reporting of university initiatives allowing for sustainability benchmarking and to highlight best practices. George Washington is deeply committed to addressing the challenges of sustainability. Please contact Meghan Chapple, Director of the Office of Sustainability at (202) 994-6287, if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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