

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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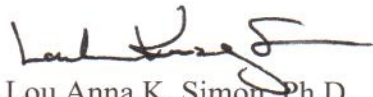
Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee:

Michigan State University (MSU) is pleased to be among the more than 700 colleges and universities in 24 countries to participate in the AASHE Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS). Sustainability is one of the ways that MSU is helping to solve broad and complex issues around the world. We welcome the opportunity to share our accomplishments as well as gather ideas from other AASHE institutions to advance our mission.

MSU has made significant strides to reduce our environmental impact, as well as provide an academic setting to encourage learners to use the campus as a living learning laboratory to explore several issues in sustainability. We choose to view our environmental and energy challenges not merely as problems, but as opportunities. The projects and initiatives detailed in this report illustrate the great strides that have already been made by MSU, while also identifying areas where we can improve. We look forward to continuing our progress.

The STARS survey demonstrates that Michigan State University has earned a Silver rating. I support and affirm the accuracy of the information gathered for this report. Thank you for providing a framework for evaluating our successes and sparking ideas for future innovation.

Sincerely,



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