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Association for the Advancement of
Sustainability in Higher Education
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To whom it may concern:

Knox College is dedicated to a socially equitable world and ecologically sustainable future. Founded on principles of equality, Knox has long stood in support of each individual's ability to grow, learn, and contribute to the greater good of the community regardless of their race, gender, or financial means. A natural outgrowth of Knox's founding principles is the stewardship of the planet on which we all rely. This commitment to social and environmental sustainability has been integrated into many aspects of the College's curriculum, operations, planning, and community outreach, and the results are tangible.

Knox continues to abide by the definition of sustainability, as it was defined in 2014 after a campus-wide effort with students, staff, and faculty all contributing to our official definition:

"At Knox College, we believe a culture of sustainability includes:

- Recognition that humans are part of nature and need to live in balance with Earth's ecosystems
- Reduced consumption of natural resources to a replenishable rate.
- Reduced generation of waste to a rate at which the environment can assimilate it
- Decision-making that gives equal weight to natural, social, and economic systems
- Commitment to place, including conservation and equity in distribution of local resources"

Since our last report, Knox has made significant improvements in the field of sustainability. Some highlights include two LEED-certified buildings, the installation of on-site renewable energy in the form of solar panels, and a refinement of programs and services that allows us to better track sustainability metrics.

In the coming years, we plan to improve our compost program, draft a campus climate action plan, and formalize peer education programs for our students and staff.

We are proud to participate in the STARS voluntary self-reporting framework, and recognize that regular self-evaluation enables us to continuously expand and improve our sustainability practices. I affirm that the information in this report is true to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,
Keith Archer

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Keith Archer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Vice President for Finance and
Administrative Services