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

I am pleased to affirm that the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's submission for the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education's Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) is an accurate representation of our campus sustainability efforts. I am pleased to support such an appraisal of our sustainability efforts across campus.

UW-Milwaukee has been making great strides in sustainability through its stewardship of resources, exemplified by substantial energy conservation and greenhouse gas emission reductions, stormwater green infrastructure and natural lawn care implementations, campus community gardening, and campus & public engagement particularly through UWM's integration of Milwaukee's Bubl'r Bikeshare. These programs enhance student life here on campus as well as throughout our faculty and staff wellness programs.

Sustainability is embodied throughout the research and curriculum of UWM. Several campus living laboratory projects enhance students' experience in sustainability challenges, opportunities, and solutions. The School of Architecture and Urban Planning, School of Public Health, as well as the new School of Freshwater Sciences demonstrate UW-Milwaukee's commitment to the health of the surrounding community and the value of sustainable development, including its land and freshwater resources. UWM's recent Carnegie Foundation's Classification for Community Engagement demonstrates authentic community collaboration and service.

UW-Milwaukee's participation in STARS provides a valuable measuring tool to help us define and quantify our strengths, as well as bring to light those areas where we can take action to better meet the challenges of sustainability across the University.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Mone".

Mark A. Mone, Ph.D.

Chancellor