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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff of our community, I am pleased to endorse the University of San Diego's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System submission to AASHE. The information included in this report is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Founded and sustained by a belief in the goodness of creation, the University of San Diego works to instill an ethos of care and compassion for our world. The University of San Diego's Catholic identity, with its grounding in Catholic Social Thought and its emphasis on educating global citizens, provides unique opportunities for exploring the social, economic, and environmental aspects of sustainability. USD is committed to promoting sustainable lifestyles, expanding curricular and scholarship development on sustainability and climate change, and creating a green campus through facilities, operations, and business practices.

This report provides an overview of the university's progress in advancing its sustainability efforts. While this report highlights the areas in which USD thrives, it also illuminates the areas where we can work harder to promote a philosophy of sustainability on our campus. As a benchmarking and tracking tool, STARS will help guide us to our goal of becoming one of the nation's preeminent sustainability campuses. I am grateful for the support of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education in helping us realize this goal.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Lyons, PhD
President