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Ms. Meghan Fay Zahniser
Executive Director
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
2401 Walnut Street
Suite 102
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear Ms. Zahniser,

On behalf of Loyola University Chicago, I am pleased to submit this letter affirming the accuracy of Loyola's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) report. The information included within is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Loyola is pleased to be among the over 1,000 higher education institutions that utilize AASHE's STARS reporting process to benchmark and evaluate sustainability efforts, programs, and impact. As Chicago's Jesuit, Catholic university, we are committed to seek social justice and to care for creation through local action with a global impact. Our mission inspires us to integrate sustainability throughout our campuses, curricula, and culture. We seek to advance cutting-edge scholarship and research that leads to better stewardship of natural resources while supporting sustainable communities for all.

Allow me to highlight three areas of sustainability progress since our 2020 submission. In 2021, Loyola adopted Plan150, a Strategic Plan marking the 150th anniversary of Loyola University Chicago and charting a path for the next 150 years. The plan is organized into six enduring values and while sustainability manifests across the plan, the sixth enduring value is Care for Our World. This enduring value prioritizes a sustainability curriculum for all in the Loyola community, the achievement of our 2015 Climate Action Plan's 2025 goal for carbon neutrality, and to share our sustainability strengths with the communities in which Loyola is engaged. Another accomplishment is our adoption of our Sustainable Investment Policy in 2021. While Loyola has a history of engaged investment activity, the Board of Trustees has clearly laid out a path for value creation through sustainability finance mechanisms and corporate responsibility. Last but not least, in 2020, the Institute of Environmental Sustainability was elevated to School status and Loyola is dedicating more resources to building out this area of sustainability excellence and its commitment to interdisciplinary progress towards a more sustainable future. The School of Environmental Sustainability is a leading light in our region and across Jesuit higher education for engaged scholarship and student leadership around environmental justice and sustainability issues.

We are grateful for the opportunity to participate in STARS and for all the work that our staff, faculty, and students have put into implementing and reporting on our sustainability efforts through this report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark C. Reed', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark C. Reed, EdD
President