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Ms. Wendy Scott
Executive Director
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
1536 Wynkoop St., Suite 100
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Dear Ms. Scott,

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 joining more than 400 colleges and universities that have participated in AASHE's STARS process to benchmark and evaluate institutional sustainability efforts, programs and impact. As a Jesuit, Catholic university, we at Loyola are committed to seek equity and care for creation through local action with a global impact. Our mission inspires us to integrate sustainability throughout the campus, curriculum and culture of Loyola, and to promote cutting-edge research which will lead to better stewardship of our natural resources.

Student-run social enterprises such as our Biodiesel program, ChainLinks Bike Shop and our Retreat and Ecology Campus' student farm create learning opportunities while improving the environment and local economies. Our urban setting connects us to local communities and affords us opportunities to build energy efficient buildings, offer sustainable transportation and promote community engagement including the Institute of Environmental Sustainability which opened in September. Based on the shores of Lake Michigan, we explore, through research and coursework, the importance of our natural resources and the impacts unsustainable development can cause.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in STARS and for all the work that has gone into creating and improving this tool by the AASHE staff and the countless volunteers from schools across the country.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Garanzini, S.J.
President and CEO