



# AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

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PRESIDENT

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The Association for the Advancement of  
Sustainability in Higher Education  
213 ½ North Limestone  
Lexington, KY 40507

RE: American University STARS Submission

Dear Sir/Madame:

American University is committed to social responsibility, service and an active pursuit of sustainability. As a Charter Participant using the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS), I am pleased to affirm the accuracy of the university's first STARS report.

This report demonstrates that American University earns a STARS Gold rating in January 2011. This rating, combined with the university's Climate Action Plan targeting carbon-neutrality by 2020, and the university's policies and plans addressing green building, green cleaning, sustainable purchasing, and zero waste, together serve as the tools that will catalyze sustainability at American University.

We appreciate the work being done by AASHE to advance sustainability. STARS is a valuable planning and reporting tool allowing the university to benchmark and measure its progress on the path to sustainability.

Sincerely,

Cornelius M. Kerwin

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