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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to affirm the University of Montana-Missoula's Sustainability Tracking and Rating System submission. Students, faculty, and staff worked together to compile the data and create campus-wide awareness of UM's sustainability accomplishments. Sustainability Coordinator Cherie Peacock and student Sustainability Coordinator Eva Rocke taught students to gather STARS data over the course ENST491-Sustainability Evaluation and Monitoring. Through student interaction, faculty and staff also learned about STARS resulting in new collaborations and some immediate improvements stemming from individual initiative.

UM is a sustainability leader and we are the first in our region to complete STARS. UM expresses our commitment to sustainability through our Strategic Plan, our pledge to carbon neutrality by 2020, and as a charter signatory of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. I believe UM's STARS report is an accurate reflection of the important work underway and UM's commitment to sustainability.

Sincerely,

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