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Climate change is the issue of our lifetimes and of succeeding generations as well. Educational institutions have a particularly important role to take the lead in this as a model and an example of what can and must be done.

Building on our mission to deepen our knowledge of and engagement with the world and all who inhabit it, Kenyon College's community of students and staff aspire to embrace environmental stewardship as a core value that guides us in all we do. Recognizing the reality of a changing climate, and the unique role of humans in creating and mitigating this, members of the Kenyon community will make choices that promote the sustainable and just use of resources. As such, all college decisions will be informed by their climate impact, guided by the current scientific consensus.

The process of gathering the information required for STARS reporting is an important way to reflect on how our actions align with our aspirations and values. It allows us to investigate every corner of campus; broadening our understanding of sustainability, reflecting on our successes, and appreciating where we must grow and improve. STARS engages diverse campus constituencies in important work that provides not only a report for the world but a road map for ourselves.

Kenyon's approach to sustainability has always been one of collaboration. Students, faculty and professional staff all contribute important pieces to the puzzle of climate action. STARS reporting has been and will continue to be a meaningful way for our campus community to come together to learn from each other and to refine how we approach the essential task of addressing climate change.

Sincerely,



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