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

Dear Executive Director Zahniser:

As a STARS Charter institution with a university-wide commitment to sustainability now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year, the University of New Hampshire is proud to submit our fourth STARS report. Built on decades of work and engagement with the entire UNH community on and beyond our campuses, we are pleased to submit at the platinum level. This submission is particularly meaningful to us in the context of Covid-19 as well as the urgency to address the climate crisis, racial and economic equity, and threats to our democratic institutions.

UNH's comprehensive approach to sustainability is grounded in a collective commitment to human dignity for all people and ecological integrity in all places and has always reflected the principles and commitments of the international policy and scientific community and civil society groups. We weave these elements together to form what we call the Sustainable Learning Committee in which everyone learns and teaches through centering sustainability in our mission and community life. As the state of New Hampshire's flagship public university, we're proud to be a national leader in sustainability and to renew our Platinum Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) rating under STARS 2.2.

Sustainability is woven deep into the fabric of UNH and informs our four strategic priorities and our STARS score is one of nine key academic performance metrics that we track. We value AASHE's efforts to collaboratively refine and improve STARS to enable UNH to continually enhance its sustainability impact in all aspects of our mission. We look forward to continuing to work with AASHE and other institutions to help lift the higher education sector to the highest levels of sustainability.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James W. Dean Jr.', written in a cursive style.

James W. Dean Jr.  
President