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AASHE STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear Members of the AASHE Steering Committee:

Please accept this endorsement of IUPUI's 2020 submission for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education's (AASHE) Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS). In addition to this letter, you will find IUPUI's STARS report, as prepared by the IUPUI Office of Sustainability and their cross-unit partners and collaborators. Our report is evidence of IUPUI's continuing commitment to sustainability, one of the core values of our institution as identified in our university-wide Bicentennial Strategic Plan.

This report reflects IUPUI's adoption of an annual campus-wide assessment of our sustainability efforts, rather than the typical three-year reporting cycle that we had been observing. This reporting change is largely due to how quickly sustainability efforts are moving across campus. Our rapid sustainability progress has created the need to capture data more frequently for impact reporting, improved communication, and ongoing refinement of our campus sustainability strategy.

Since the 2019 STARS report, our campus has made great strides in advancing sustainability. One of the most notable projects was IUPUI's collaboration with other Indiana University campuses to create and deliver a statewide sustainability literacy and cultural assessment survey to students across university's campuses. The results of this survey will provide valuable information about each campus' unique sustainability strengths as well as opportunities for improvement across academic offerings, campus operations, and engagement programming.

Also of note is a new master of science degree in Global Health and Sustainable Development that was approved for the IUPUI campus. The Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health program is the first master of science program in the country to be designed around the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. Graduates will be qualified for careers as international health workers, global health practitioners, public health advisors, medical officers, disaster relief support, international aid workers, and more.

With these accomplishments in mind, I once again offer my strong support for IUPUI's 2020 STARS report. At IUPUI, we believe in the power of transformation and are committed to creating opportunities for our students, our community, and the world around us as we demonstrate leadership in sustainability.

Sincerely,

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Chancellor

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