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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Carnegie Mellon University, I am pleased to submit our data for the AASHE STARS self-assessment.

Through this data, you will see that Carnegie Mellon places a high priority on sustainability, manifested through our educational programs, research and practices. In fact, sustainability is one of just a handful of strategic priorities being pursued by the university. Carnegie Mellon has long been a world leader in addressing environmental issues, including global warming, alternative and clean energy sources, sustainable building design, green chemistry and environmental education.

To date we have made many notable accomplishments in environmental sustainability on campus and beyond, including: becoming home to the first LEED-certified university residence hall in the United States; having 11 LEED-certified buildings with one more completed project pending review; presenting the first college course in green chemistry in the United States; and developing a series of four courses in sustainable engineering that has served as a model for engineering programs across the country. Most recently, Carnegie Mellon has committed to purchasing 100 percent of its electricity from green sources using renewable energy credits, completing a conversion process that started 12 years ago when Carnegie Mellon made the largest retail purchase of wind energy in history.

Work currently being done by our faculty, staff and students promises to yield many more accomplishments. Interdisciplinary environmental and energy research is being conducted in 21 centers across our campus. Our Green Practices Committee, made up of faculty, staff, students and administrators, implements environmentally progressive practices that affect facilities, campus life and transportation and provides environmental and sustainability education to the entire campus community. And finally, the launch last fall of the Wilton E. Scott Institute for Energy Innovation promises significant advances in energy research, education and technology development.

I hope that through the data we have submitted that you will get a glimpse of the exciting efforts made by the Carnegie Mellon community as we move our campus – and the world – toward sustainability.

Sincerely,



Jared L. Cohon