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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, & Rating System 213 ½ North Limestone Lexington, KY 40507

Dear AASHE,

With this letter, I am confirming that the information in our 2013 STARS Report is correct to the best of my knowledge. This information has been compiled by staff from Indiana State's Institute for Community Sustainability and other employees who oversee each area of the report.

Indiana State has been making great strides in its operations towards sustainability since 1990, a period in which the university has reduced its CO_2 emissions in half. This effort was advanced significantly when a state-of-the-art natural gas steam facility replaced an outdated coal-fired steam facility in 2002. Great improvements have also been made through our recycling program which has resulted in a reduction of trash delivered to a landfill from 2,368 tons to 384 tons. In addition, the trash that does end up in a landfill goes to one where the methane is captured for use by a local brick company to fire its kilns.

Our commitment moved beyond our operations and facilities management in 2007 when the university signed on to the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment. From that initiative, the President's Council on Sustainability was formed and more than 60 faculty, staff, and students worked with the Council to develop a Climate Action Plan. In 2012, the Institute for Community Sustainability was created to raise sustainability awareness across campus and was funded through the University's Unbounded Possibilities initiative.

In spring 2013, Indiana State was listed as a Princeton Review 322 Green College and was one of 20 Second Nature Climate Leadership Award Finalists. Incidentally, the University has also found that many students want to attend a green campus.

Sustainability is also one of eight tenants of our campus master plan, and I view it as an important factor in making building operations more efficient, building an aesthetically pleasing environment, and improving the quality of life for our students, staff, and faculty as well as the surrounding community,

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Bradley

President