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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, & Rating System  
2401 Walnut Street  
Suite 102  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear AASHE,

With this letter, I am confirming that the information in our 2019 STARS Report is correct to the best of my knowledge. This information has been compiled by staff from Indiana State's Office of Sustainability and other employees who oversee each area of the report.

Indiana State University has been making great strides in its operations towards sustainability since 1990, a period in which the university has reduced CO2 emissions by more than half. This effort was advanced significantly when a state-of-the-art natural gas steam facility replaced an outdated coal-fired facility in 2002. Great improvements have also been made through our recycling program which has resulted in a reduction of solid waste delivered to a landfill by 85% since 1990.

Our commitment moved beyond our operations and facilities management when The Institute of Community of Sustainability was rebranded as the Office of Sustainability, shifting focus to developing a culture of sustainability on campus and in the community. In 2018, the Office of Sustainability released a Strategic Plan charting a path towards a campus that was more literate regarding sustainability issues. This submission recognizes that commitment.

The STARS reporting process not only lets us publicize our achievements such as further reducing our emissions by 34% since performance year 2008, but also helps us understand the areas in which we need to improve. We are proud to be a signatory of the Presidents' Climate Leadership Commitment, and are committed to reaching our goal to be carbon neutral by 2050. STARS is actively helping us identify areas within our operations that need to be prioritized in order to reach that goal. We plan to address these areas before our next STARS submission, in three years.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,



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