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Dear STARS Steering Committee,

It is with great pleasure that Coastal Carolina University (CCU) submits its 2021 Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) report. The report itself is a result of deep and meaningful collaboration between campus stakeholders committed to the work of sustainability on our campus and beyond.

I affirm, to the best of my knowledge, that all of the information included in the report adequately reflects our university's sustainability efforts earning a Silver rating for STARS version 2.2. Sustainability continues to be an important facet of CCU's work as demonstrated by our work in academics, engagement, operations, planning & administration, and innovation & leadership.

Over the last twelve months, CCU has recommitted itself to a sustainable future by creating a new major in sustainability and coastal resilience, and a charging the inaugural President's Council on Sustainability and Coastal Resilience (PCSCR) with leading and galvanizing the University in these efforts. The Council's work has already resulted in a major grant from a contractual partner, the delineation of several future capital projects and immediate operational changes, a decision to underwrite faculty and student research focused on sustainability, and the preparation of this report. Critically, the Council will oversee the completion of a greenhouse gas emissions report in 2022, and ensure that sustainability is a central component of our next strategic plan, which is in its earliest stages of development.

We are proud of our accomplishments to date, as this report is a vital reflection of CCU's continued commitment to sustainability. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the STARS program, and we look forward to continuing our participation in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Stephen K. Harrison

Vice President for Auxiliary Enterprises and Chief Sustainability Officer