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Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee,

The Ohio State University, established by the Morrill Land Grant Act of 1862, was founded over 150 years ago on the principle that education transforms lives. As climate change, biodiversity loss and other sustainability crises are among the most challenging issues in our society; understanding, respecting, benefitting from, and protecting our natural systems has been a hallmark of our university's work throughout its history.

Ohio State is deeply committed to developing durable solutions to the pressing sustainability challenges and building a culture of sustainability through collaborative teaching, interdisciplinary research, outreach to communities beyond the campus, and innovative operations, practices, and policies.

Ohio State has made progress toward these objectives through new academic program offerings and courses, new and ongoing sustainability research, resource stewardship such as a new sustainable construction and design policy, and improving the experiences and expertise our graduates take with them beyond the physical campus to their communities across the globe.

As one of the largest universities in the United States, we embrace the opportunity and responsibility to take a leadership role in sustainability and foster engagement with our local communities on the topic.

We are committed to maintaining the access, affordability and excellence that have defined our nation's finest public institutions since their inception. We recognize that more must be done to advance our efforts and society broadly toward a more sustainable future. We will continue to work to provide our students, faculty, staff, and communities with opportunities to further their understanding and awareness of sustainability challenges and solutions.

I therefore fully support and affirm the accuracy of the information gathered and submitted for the AASHE Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS). We are excited to share our progress and successes with our peers and to learn from them in return. Participating in the STARS process has allowed our university to assess our sustainability efforts from a broad, comprehensive view – helping to inform and validate our progress and future goals. The STARS Program is one more step toward a truly sustainable Ohio State, leveraging opportunities across constituents, activities, and divisions for a safer, more livable and more sustainable future. I am proud to present The Ohio State University's STARS Report.



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Sincerely,

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