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STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in
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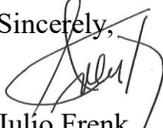
Dear Members of the STARS Steering Committee:

On behalf of the University of Miami, I am pleased to endorse the report that is being submitted to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Sustainability Tracking Assessment Rating System (STARS). This report reflects the successful efforts of faculty, staff, and students to advance sustainability at our University and in the Miami-Dade County area.

The University of Miami is committed to developing and implementing educational, facility, and community outreach programs that are aimed at reducing our environmental impacts, as well as fulfilling our commitment under the 2nd Nature – American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment. The STARS program provides an effective tool for our institution to track the progress of our initiatives, all of which have a strong educational component focused on developing a pledge to achieve sustainability across our campuses and surrounding communities. The Office of Sustainability at the University is in charge of monitoring the initiatives, delivering educational programs, and implementing new projects in conjunction with our stakeholders.

One of the University's most significant achievements since our last application is the implementation of our Sustainability Action Plan. The goals presented in this plan were designed after our Silver rating from STARS. From the integration of sustainability in the curriculum and research work, to the creation of engagement programs like our staff "green liaisons" and our student resident "ECO-reps," to our involvement in climate resilience in the local community, to the addition of two new LEED Gold certified buildings and our first Environmental Social and Governance (ESG) investments in renewable energy, the University of Miami is on track to meet its carbon emission reduction goals for 2020.

We are proud to participate in the AASHE STARS program and look forward to our continued collaboration. Thank you for your important work to encourage institutional and individual behaviors that will sustain and improve our environment for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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