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Dear STARS Steering Committee,

As UC San Diego's new Chancellor, I want to express my support for STARS and our participation in your program. I am extremely proud that UC San Diego was the first institution of higher education in California to receive STARS' gold rating. Our university—an academic powerhouse and leader in climate research—is a living laboratory where sustainability comes alive in campus operations, education and research. Since the Keeling Curve was discovered in 1958 at UC San Diego's Scripps Institution of Oceanography, we have built on the pioneering climate change research of our founders by enhancing energy efficiency, alternative fuels, photovoltaic technology, renewable-energy storage, water conservation, green building practices, and smart grid technology.

Our campus energy and sustainability programs also promote conservation locally, nationally and globally through our collaborative work with communities, governments and businesses. Our participation in STARS reflects our ongoing dedication to document and share our sustainability efforts and improve our environmental and fiscal stewardship.

At UC San Diego, we're dedicated to producing citizens of the 21st century who will lead our country in finding solutions to our most pressing environmental problems. From economics to mechanical engineering and environmental systems, academic departments have incorporated sustainability concepts into majors, minors, internships, classes, and a wide range of research experiences. Sustainability is a top priority on our campus.

STARS' recognition of our efforts encourages us to continue to operate sustainably and enables us to learn from other universities that have earned high ratings. We look forward to collaborating with other STARS' participants to create new, innovative ways to conserve resources and increase sustainability.

With kind regards,

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