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Dear STARS Steering Committee,

As UC San Diego takes great pride in pioneering climate change research, a curriculum that stresses environmental sustainability and sustainable campus operations, I have supported our participation in the STARS pilot program and applaud our current completion of STARS 1.0. Since our university's founding 50 years ago, we have built on the pioneering climate change research of Roger Revelle and Charles David Keeling by embracing energy efficiency, alternative fuels, photovoltaic technology, renewable-energy storage, and smart grid technology. UC San Diego also is working with communities, governments and businesses to promote sustainability locally, nationally, and globally.

In the six years since I declared sustainability a top educational priority and goal of all campus operations UC San Diego has been transformed into a living laboratory of sustainability solutions. From economics to mechanical engineering, academic departments have incorporated sustainability concepts into majors, minors, internships, classes and a wide range of research experiences. STARS enables the campus to share our efforts and learn from other nationally recognized organizations that participate in the reporting system.

STARS 1.0 attests to the collaborative efforts made by our students, staff, faculty, and community members to continue pioneering sustainable solutions. With its completion of STARS 1.0, the campus transparently shares our progress in continually improving our sustainability efforts. We look forward to working with other STARS participants to enhance our sustainability initiatives.

Best wishes,

Marye Anne Fox
Chancellor

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