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Dear Reviewers,

The University of Pittsburgh is proud to submit our 2021 STARS certification documentation, which reflects the significant progress we have made in creating a culture of sustainability not only at Pitt but across the Pittsburgh region.

This progress includes:

- Creating an Office of Sustainability and hiring our first director of sustainability to lead our embedded Pitt Sustainability team, whose membership has doubled since 2017.
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions by about 21% since 2008 and committing to carbon neutrality by 2037, the University's 250th anniversary.
- Strengthening our commitments to racial equity and social justice by reshaping our university to be more diverse and inclusive, while expanding our efforts to sustain this transformation.
- Launching a dashboard to show our progress on sustainability measures, along with an engagement and outreach map to help the Pitt community find collaborators for interdisciplinary projects with community organizations.

As a premier research institution, we are committed to identifying and advancing solutions that enable current and future generations to thrive in a world that is environmentally responsible, socially equitable and economically robust.

Thank you for providing this framework to measure our performance. We appreciate the opportunity to benchmark against, learn from and share our successes with other higher education institutions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Gallagher".

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