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STARS Program Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear STARS Program Committee:

I am pleased to submit NC State University's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) report to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). Since the university's last submission in 2016, we have made significant strides in sustainability.

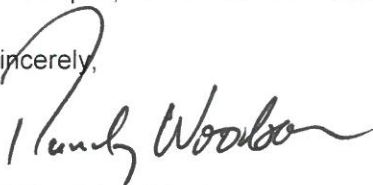
NC State has established sustainability as a core value of the university's new strategic plan, *Wolfpack 2030: Powering the Extraordinary*, reinforcing our long-standing commitment to wise stewardship of resources, prudent financial planning and environmentally responsible operations. This STARS report highlights the institution's many sustainability successes through various academic, operations, engagement, and planning and administration efforts.

As the largest four-year university in North Carolina, NC State continues to be a sustainability leader. Our STARS report showcases many of the university's successes, which include but are not limited to:

- Creation of a new online course inventory, which highlights nearly 800 NC State courses related to one or more of the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- A growing number of co-curricular programs using campus operations for real-world learning about sustainability, including development of a "Campus as a Classroom" internship program.
- New sustainability-related research initiatives and partnerships with industry.
- National certifications including Tree Campus USA, Bee Campus USA and Bicycle Friendly University. NC State is also the first university in North Carolina to receive Green Seal certification for university housekeeping services.
- A 37% reduction of campus energy use per gross square foot since 2002.
- A 64% reduction of campus potable water use per gross square foot since 2001.
- A landfill diversion rate of 61%, which is achieved in part through an on-campus composting facility and research cooperative.

The university's sustainability initiatives create a more efficient and healthy campus, foster important research discoveries and equip students to tackle environmental, social and economic challenges. I am proud of our NC State community for this transformative impact and for helping advance the greater good on campus, across North Carolina and around the world.

Sincerely,



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