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AASHE STARS Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102
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Dear Committee Members:

Penn State Erie, The Behrend College is pleased to submit its second STARS (Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System) assessment. I confirm that the information contained therein has been checked for accuracy.

Sustainability is an integral part of Penn State's mission as a global leader in teaching, research, and service. We recognize that sustainability represents one of the nation's most pressing issues, and that higher education can play a unique role in creating and modeling solutions and producing graduates who can lead society toward a more sustainable future.

There are 20 campuses in the Penn State system. In 2020 we were honored to be the first (and still only) of the commonwealth campuses to complete a STARS assessment. We are especially proud in the improvements we have made as a campus in the past three years and look forward to continued improvement. Data from our assessments have helped us to identify opportunities for improving our sustainability efforts in academics, operations, engagement, and planning and administration.

I commend AASHE for providing a comprehensive, transparent assessment tool for higher education. Thank you for allowing us to share our story and strengths, identify areas for growth, and learn from others on our collective journey toward meeting the sustainability challenge.

Sincerely,

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