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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 first 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, and Behrend College is a major campus of the system with over 5000 students. We look forward to using this data to help us 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,

Ralph M. Ford, Ph.D.
Chancellor