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STARS Steering Committee  
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
213 N. Limestone  
Lexington, KY 40407

RE: University of Denver STARS report

Dear STARS Steering Committee,

I am thrilled to share the University of Denver's (DU) Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) report. The report was put together by DU's Center for Sustainability and is accurate to the best of our knowledge.

The University of Denver remains steadfast in our commitment to sustainability. In service of our values, the University seeks to serve as a leader in the community by providing knowledge through research and, importantly, by helping our students shape the future. We do this by imbuing our curriculum across all fields with issues and discussion of sustainability and climate change. Operationally, we continually evaluate and take steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the institution's "carbon footprint." We take these three approaches—research, teaching, operations—simultaneously so as to have the most impact and better serve the public good.

Recently, the University undertook an extensive solar energy project, moving us dramatically forward toward meeting our goals and increasing research opportunities on campus. With thanks to this project, nearly 8% of DU's total energy productions is derived from solar energy. Our Center for Sustainability offers an internship where undergraduate students can put their passion for sustainability to work, helping to oversee and implement programs on campus related to waste, energy, food and gardens and mobility. As well, DU's faculty, staff and students are working with local community leaders in the public, private and civic sectors to conduct research and take action to improve lives.

Finally, the University acknowledges this report—and all the work it represents—is just one step along a continuing journey. We are deeply committed to our sustainability goals, and to the collaborations, research and teaching that make their achievement possible. DU prides itself on being a "private university dedicated to the public good." Embodying and modeling a just sustainable future is central to our values and ambitions.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Haefner  
Chancellor