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AASHE STARS Steering Committee  
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
1536 Wynkoop Street, Suite 100  
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Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee:

On behalf of Georgia State University, I am pleased to endorse our inaugural STARS submission. I affirm this report to be an honest and accurate appraisal.

Founded in 1913, Georgia State University is one of the Southeast's major public research institutions. It is a large urban institution in the heart of Atlanta, with an enrollment of approximately 32,000 students. The university provides its world-class faculty and students with unsurpassed connections to the opportunities available in one of the 21<sup>st</sup> century's great global cities.

Georgia State University believes that STARS is an invaluable transparent tool that we can utilize for measuring progress toward environmental, social, and economic sustainability throughout higher education. STARS enables us to benchmark our performance and measure our progress over time and is extremely helpful as we make sustainability-related decisions for the future of our growing institution.

I am proud of the concerted effort that has led GSU to an initial STARS report and ranking. At the same time, the university acknowledges that there is much more work to be done. Sustainability is a journey, not a destination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark P. Becker".

Mark P. Becker, Ph.D.  
President