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RE: University of Winnipeg 2019 STARS Submission

On behalf of The University of Winnipeg faculty, I am pleased to submit our second STARS report.

Since launching our first formal sustainability initiative in 2005, The University of Winnipeg has made continual progress in reaching our sustainability goals. We renewed our commitment to social and environmental responsibility with the 2017 Sustainability Strategy, which uses the UN Sustainable Development Goals as a framework and identifies specific goals and innovative approaches in four key areas: reducing our emissions; maximizing the benefit of our procurement and partnerships for communities and the environment; developing tomorrow's leaders; and mobilizing interdisciplinary sustainability knowledge.

With respect to GHG reductions, UWinnipeg is currently on track to derive five per cent of our total energy use from renewable energy sources by 2025, and we continue to work towards the goal of carbon neutrality by 2035. We are now implementing the use of real-time facilities monitoring software, and we are introducing a host of new operating procedures that incorporate practices established by LEED. Sustainability management at UWinnipeg is firmly embedded into the mandate of our Physical Plant.

We understand that sustainability is an ongoing process. UWinnipeg remains committed to campus sustainability, and recognizes the important role that university teaching, research, planning, governance, and engagement play in advancing sustainability in our immediate, local and global communities.

Sincerely,

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