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To whom it may concern:

As the chief academic officer at Clemson University, I am officially verifying the accuracy of the data which has been compiled for, and delivered to the Sustainability, Tracking and Rating System (STARS) managed by AASHE. Clemson University contracted with Sightlines to assist us in this first-time effort to collect and evaluate the data required for the STARS submission. Between that group, the on-campus liaisons, and the many faculty and staff who assisted in the data mining and collection, I am confident that the data we are submitting for STARS has been verified and is therefore accurate.

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As the land-grant University for South Carolina, sustainability has always been a foundation of our teaching, research and outreach programs. This has been our goal from the early days of this University when Clemson taught sustainable agricultural practices. We are now engaged with the world to build an awareness of Climate Change and how we can prevent its worsening effects on our planet.

The process of assessing our sustainability efforts through the STARS assessment has identified many ways that we can increase our sustainability efforts. Among them are the following:

1. Augmenting our orientation programs by informing new and existing students, faculty and staff with sustainability efforts on campus and how they can be partners in Clemson's effort
2. Increasing our use of renewable energy so to achieve the University's goal of NET ZERO by 2030
3. Developing policies and procedures that make our purchasing and dining hall efforts more sustainable
4. Developing travel policies that reduce the University's carbon footprint

Upon receiving the final evaluation of STARS, there will be a major effort to publicize our present sustainability efforts and how the entire Clemson University community can assist in augmenting them.

Sincerely,

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