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To Whom It May Concern:

As president of Oklahoma State University, I am pleased to affirm the accuracy of our sustainability self-assessment using the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System™, STARS 2.2 reporting platform. Our submission represents an account of our sustainability initiatives to the best of our knowledge at the time of submission.

As a land-grant university with more than 35,000 students across a five-campus system, Oklahoma State University is committed to making sustainability integral to the success of our university. Each year we work to improve campus education, engagement, operations, academics, and curriculum regarding sustainability. OSU is proud of the work done to address areas where our sustainability efforts can improve during this reporting period.

Oklahoma State University's commitment to sustainability extends to all parts of campus. Examples include University Dining Services' partnership with the Made in Oklahoma Coalition to offer locally produced food, Facilities Management's "no-idle" policy and Energy Services commitment to renewable energy. OSU has realized \$80.6 million in energy savings system-wide since 2007.

OSU is proud of the sustainability progress on campus. Some recent sustainability strategies and achievements include:

- Becoming a Certified BeeCampus USA & Monarch Waystation
- Adding a Biodiversity Garden to the Native Corridor including a pollinator hotel to provide habitats for pollinators
- Creating a Pocket Prairie to showcase Oklahoma biodiversity
- Earning a top 20 rating in the Environmental Protection Agency's Green Power Partnership
- Introducing new data tracking practices for more accurate reporting and management

- Development of a Campus Sustainability Plan

It is my pleasure to submit our STARS report and its reflection of the sustainability efforts as OSU.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kayse Shrum, DO". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'K'.

Dr. Kayse Shrum
President, Oklahoma State University