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STARS Steering Committee
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Dear STARS Steering Committee:

Stevens Institute of Technology is deeply committed to leading sustainability initiatives in our communities and creating educated and conscientious global citizens. Improving campus sustainability efforts is a continuous process, and one that requires periodic monitoring by all members of the campus community. Completing the STARS self-assessment for the second time has revealed areas where Stevens has made substantial progress as well as those areas where more work is needed. Through this assessment process, we have moved closer to creating a more sustainable campus.

As one of the pre-eminent engineering schools in the country, Stevens has an obligation to create positive change for the environment in all aspects of the university, from academics to student life. We have worked diligently to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and our overall energy consumption and are proud to note that we have achieved a 20% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions since 2006. Stevens also purchased Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) to offset 100% of its electric consumption for fiscal year 2019 and joined the EPA Green Power Partnership. We plan to reduce emissions even further through increased participation in New Jersey's Clean Energy Program; increased investment in and use of renewable energy; and the construction of two new LEED-certified buildings, one of which opened recently and one which is scheduled for completion in 2022. We plan to use the STARS platform to continue to track and measure our initiatives in this arena and in others.

Stevens' efforts to become more sustainable are not only undertaken by faculty and staff, but by students as well. Following a second-place win by students in the 2015 EPA Rainworks Challenge (Master Plan category), Stevens implemented some of the proposed green infrastructure strategies to help manage stormwater runoff on campus. I could not be prouder of what our Stevens community created and contributed to our local city and society at large.

On behalf of Stevens Institute of Technology, I am very pleased to submit our second STARS self-assessment. This submission is the culmination of many months of hard work by committed faculty and staff. I affirm that the information provided in the report is accurate to the best of our knowledge.

Sincerely,



Nariman Farvardin
President

