

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR CAPITAL PLANNING AND FACILITIES

December 6, 2023

Members of the AASHE STARS Steering Committee:

Please accept this endorsement of Indiana University Bloomington's fiscal year 2022 (June 2021-July 2022) submission for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education's (AASHE) Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS). In addition to this letter, you will find Indiana University Bloomington's STARS report, as prepared by the IU Office of Sustainability and their cross-unit partners and collaborators.

Fiscal year 2022 marked a significant milestone in Indiana University's long history of sustainability progress. Notably, President Pamela Whitten established a <u>Climate Action Planning Committee</u> in April 2022 and charged the committee to develop a plan for IU to build on its progress of reducing the impact of greenhouse gas emissions. This committee developed comprehensive recommendations to identify short- and long-term opportunities to reduce the impact of greenhouse gas emissions across all IU campuses. The plan has <u>since been approved</u>, including a goal of scope 1 and 2 carbon neutrality by 2040. We look forward to sharing the results of that plan in future Indiana University STARS reports.

I offer special gratitude to the staff of the IU Office of Sustainability and the many representatives across IU who have assisted in gathering and verifying the data for our submission. Indiana University looks forward to sharing best practices with our peers through AASHE STARS, as we continue to build a thriving, resilient university.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Morrison, Ed.D. Vice President for Capital Planning and Facilities