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EXECUTIVE
VICE PRESIDENT

Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee,

We are pleased to affirm that Indiana University Bloomington's submission for the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) is an accurate representation of our campus sustainability initiatives. We are proud to be a charter participant in this comprehensive and transparent benchmark for North American institutions of higher education.

The Office of Sustainability *2020 Vision* calls for IU Bloomington to become *an international campus sustainability leader recognized for innovation and excellence in academic programs, research, campus environmental quality, campus operations and community outreach that facilitate and demonstrate the path to a more sustainable future* by our bicentennial in 2020. Among our *20 Goals for 2020*, is Goal #3 to achieve a Platinum rating on AASHE STARS. We consider this initial submission, at the Silver level, as a starting point for a decade of continuous improvement in all aspects of campus sustainability.

We offer special gratitude to Campus Sustainability Intern Jamie Panunzio, a graduate student in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, for her persistent pursuit of the data required for this comprehensive submission. We would also like to thank the Office of Sustainability, the Campus Sustainability Advisory Board, the members of their seven Working Groups, and the scores of representatives of various IU Bloomington academic and operational units who have assisted in gathering and verifying the data for our submission.

Indiana University Bloomington looks forward to sharing best practices with our peers as we work together to facilitate and demonstrate sustainability in our academic, operational, and administrative programs.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Karen Hanson in black ink.

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