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Dear AASHE STARS Team,

As a proud member institution of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), we are pleased to submit our third Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) report for your review. Western achieved a bronze rating via our first submission in 2016, silver in 2019, and we continue to strive to improve our rating through numerous curricular and structural changes throughout our entire campus. STARS has proven to be a valuable tool for guiding our university policy and priorities in a time of reduced human and financial resources. We hope our submission will demonstrate the tremendous progress we have made over the past three years. Our aspiration is to achieve gold based on the focused efforts of our students, faculty, and staff.

Western has worked hard over the past 30 years to integrate sustainability into the core values of the university. STARS has helped us focus our efforts through the in-depth analysis of Academics, Engagement, Operations, Planning/Administration, and Innovation. Dedicated resources including our Sustainable Action Committee, Sustainability Fund Committee, and Director of Sustainability have used STARS to help guide their strategic planning efforts this past year. We have also leveraged it for marketing purposes to improve our recruitment and retention, and to add innovative new programs like our Outdoor Industry MBA program that teaches students fundamental sustainability principles. These are just a few examples of the progress we have made since our first submission. We are proud to provide our students with a living laboratory on our campus.

In conclusion, I am pleased to write this letter of support for our team that has been working on this report for the past several months. I am confident in their thoughtful and comprehensive approach to accurately reflect Western's tremendous sustainability efforts.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'N. Chisholm'.

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President