



WESTERN STATE
COLORADO UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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To the STARS Program,

I am pleased to write this letter of support for the team who completed Western State Colorado University's first STARS submission. We are proud of the sustainability progress we have made over the last decade and will be excited to report even more progress when we update our submission next year. For example, we now have four LEED Gold buildings on campus, with a fifth currently being renovated, as well as two LEED Silver buildings. We have already reached our 2035 ACUPCC carbon reduction goals and our renewable energy fund revolving fund mechanism promises to help make even more progress. We have collaborative systems in practice, so that faculty, staff, and students participate in governance. Of course, these are just some examples of the progress we have made.

We do have sustainability challenges in our small, underfunded, rural university, located in one of the coldest towns in the United States; however, we also have driven and passionate students, faculty, and staff who will continue to enhance our sustainability efforts.

To the best of my knowledge the team completed the submission process with honesty and integrity.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory B. Salsbury', written over a horizontal line.

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