

March 2, 2016

Ms. Meghan Fay Zahniser  
Executive Director  
AASHE  
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Dear Ms. Zahniser,

On behalf of our university, I submit and endorse SUNY Polytechnic Institute's first STARS report. In recent years we have been improving our efforts to incorporate sustainability into all aspects of the university. We view this report as an opportunity to begin assessing our status and tracking our progress toward more sustainable curriculum, operations, research, and engagement. Examining our own practices through STARS is an important part of our public commitment toward enhancing sustainable and resilient practices across campus, exemplified by our recent signature of the American Campuses Act on Climate Pledge.

I am willing to affirm the accuracy of the work completed by members of our campus community under coordination of Mark A. Bremer, our Green Team Chair. This report provides us with a valuable tool to gauge our current efforts, inform areas for future improvement, and consider new goals to achieve.

We appreciate the work done by AASHE and all those in higher education who are striving for a better, more sustainable future.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Geer, Ph.D.  
Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer