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Meghan Fay Zahniser  
Executive Director  
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education

Dear Executive Director Zahniser:

On behalf of the entire University of Massachusetts Lowell (UMass Lowell) community, we are pleased to present our fourth Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) submission.

Built on decades of work and engagement with the entire UMass Lowell community, this submission is particularly meaningful to us in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. During the most challenging operational period for higher education in living memory, UMass Lowell's commitment to sustainability remained steadfast.

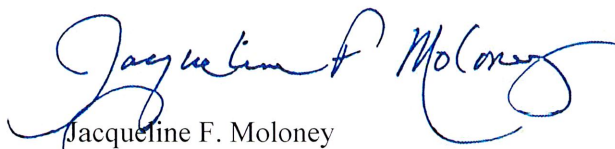
Sustainability is woven deep into the fabric of UMass Lowell and indeed the City of Lowell, a unique urban setting that continually refines and enhances our understanding of the challenges and opportunities that underpin our collaborative and partnership focused approach to sustainability.

Our new Rist Institute for Sustainability and Energy now serves as the epicenter for UMass Lowell's sustainability efforts. With a focus on hands-on, experiential teaching, research and engagement, the Rist Institute is creating blueprint models and opportunities to enhance sustainability at the local, state, national and international levels.

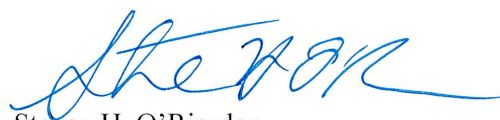
This submission is our most comprehensive and complete assessment of sustainability undertaken to date. UMass Lowell engaged Greener U to complete an unbiased and comprehensive reporting assurance process as part of this submission.

We are proud to once again be recognized as a national leader in sustainability. As with our previous submissions, we will use this assessment to guide our future sustainability work. The biggest challenges of the climate crisis are ahead of us. UMass Lowell will rise to meet them.

Sincerely,



Jacqueline F. Moloney  
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