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To whom it may concern,

I affirm that the Sustainability team at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly SLO) has undertaken the task of reviewing all credits that California State University San Marcos (CSUSM) is pursuing for their STARS rating in version 2.2 during Winter 2023. As a team we have reviewed reporting fields, attachments, inventories, and URLs for consistency and given our best attempt to confirm and check accuracy of included information. We have submitted feedback for which credits should undergo revision and/or improvement, identified typos, broken web links, outliers, duplications, or areas that do not appear to meet our interpretation of STARS criteria.

Following this first review, we sent our comments via the attached spreadsheet. CSUSM then responded to our first round of feedback, mitigating many of our concerns and making several updates to their report. We then completed a second review of the changed information to determine whether and how inconsistencies were addressed. In documenting our final findings here and in the attached spreadsheet containing "Round 2" status and comments, we believe our responsibility to exercise a thorough review is now complete, and leave all remaining updates in the hands of CSUSM and the AASHE STARS team for final resolution.

Cal Poly has been pleased to collaborate in this review process for CSUSM. It seems that with these final revisions and resolutions, the San Marcos STARS report will be an immeasurably useful tool for other institutions to mine best practices and case studies due to an exemplary focus on sustainability.

Sincerely,

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