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STARS Steering Committee Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education 2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102 Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear AASHE Stars Committee:

The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) has recently completed its first comprehensive sustainability performance assessment using AASHE's Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS). This letter affirms that our self-assessment represents an accurate account of our sustainability initiatives at this time. UAB welcomes the opportunity to join other AASHE member institutions in their endeavors to lead sustainability transformation in higher education.

The effort made in collecting, organizing and communicating this information has provided the University with an incredible level of insight into the systems of our institution. We are grateful to AASHE for this valuable metric that allows us to track, calibrate, and set goals toward our commitment to a sustainable campus and community. Use of the STARS Framework will allow us to continue to effectively monitor our progress compared with our peer institutions.

UAB's mission is to be a research university and academic health center that discovers, teaches, and applies knowledge for the intellectual, cultural, social, and economic benefit of Birmingham, the state, and beyond. Sustainability is a foundational unit of our mission, and thus we appreciate the opportunity to submit this report.

Sincerely,

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