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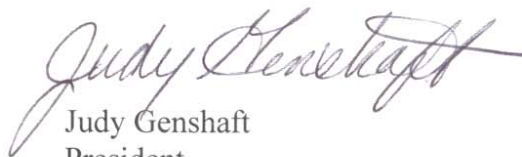
Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee:

I am pleased to verify that the information contained in the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) report for the University of South Florida accurately reflects our commitment to creating a sustainable campus and community environment for our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and neighborhood partners.

Since I signed the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment in 2008, the University of South Florida has made tremendous strides in greening our campus and curriculum. Since the signing, we have incorporated sustainability into our university's strategic plan, convened a sustainability steering committee to oversee our transition to becoming a more sustainable and resilient university, established an Office of Sustainability and an Office of Community Engagement, created Global Academic Partnerships throughout the world, implemented a university-wide policy on institutional sustainability, and launched the world's first School of Global Sustainability. We are very proud that these and related efforts have helped the University of South Florida to earn a Gold rating on our STARS report.

I am pleased with the work of our Sustainability Fellows, Whitney Goodwin and Alejandro Figueroa, for their hard work in coordinating our reporting efforts. It is because of the dedication and caring of students like these that the University of South Florida is fast becoming a global leader in sustainability.

Sincerely,

  
Judy Genshaft  
President