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Dear Dr. Zahniser,

On behalf of Central Michigan University, I am pleased to submit our first ever report to the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS). I commend AASHE for constantly working to improve the STARS platform, while challenging higher education across the world to strive for sustainability advancement excellence.

The process of completing this report required immense data collection, analysis and collaborative efforts, university wide. I am proud of the time and dedication displayed by our STARS liaison Morgan Hummon, the Great Lakes Institute for Sustainable Systems, Facilities Management and the Master of Science in Administration department, all of whom labored to complete the STARS report. I am also proud of newly founded insights gained from this endeavor. Central Michigan University has many sustainable systems and these accomplishments are pronounced within the STARS platform. CMU also has the opportunity to enhance sustainability advancement across campus and dynamic evidence from this report, has provided the tool to target our efforts in needed areas.

Indeed, this has been a learning process for all of us, one that will continue in the years ahead as we continually assess and refine our programs and operations to meet our sustainability goals. CMU is known for heeding the call to action in environmental issues, social justice and sustainability, and our STARS Report will demonstrate the actions taken in response. One of CMU's many noteworthy accomplishments is our successful, full-circle composting program. CMU runs a zero waste dining program, composted over 600,000 pounds of food waste last year alone and purchases our converted waste to be utilized for landscaping purposes across campus.

Central Michigan University has several other notable highlights shared in the report. I am confident that our data, as reported to me, will be verified at the Silver level. With this letter, I affirm that this submission is a good faith, accurate account of our activities in sustainability.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barrie Wilkes".

Barrie Wilkes

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