

STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102
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Dear STARS Review Committee,

On behalf of Emerson College, I am pleased to support the submission of our 2022 report to the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS). Emerson College has made great strides towards becoming a more sustainable institution since our 2007 signing of the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment. We have continued to cut our Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions while growing our campus footprint, achieved LEED Gold certification on several of our buildings, better incorporated sustainability into the curriculum, and much more.

While the Covid-19 pandemic has challenged the College in unprecedented ways, we have also grown stronger as an institution. Since our last submission in 2018, Emerson has created a strong network across the entire community to implement best practices in environmental, social, and economic sustainability. We are also made stronger and more resilient by our many partners, from the other higher education institutions with whom we share learnings to vendors like Vicinity Energy, which is now providing us with carbon neutral steam for our buildings.

Now, with only eight years to go to achieve our target of carbon neutrality by 2030, we are beginning the process of developing a new Sustainability Action Plan to bring us to that goal. As our faculty, students, and staff embark on this next chapter, we remain grateful for the framework provided by the STARS process and for the example set by other leading institutions across all arenas of sustainability.

Campus leadership is looking forward to partnering with the entire campus community to continue demonstrating Emerson College's commitment to sustainability.

Sincerely,



William Gilligan
Interim President