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

Central Community College (CCC) in Nebraska is pleased to submit its Sustainability, Tracking, Assessment and Ratings System (STARS) report.

Central Community College has been a Cum Laude Leader since 2011 and signatories of the Climate Commitment as part of the Climate Leadership Network (previously the ACUPCC), and the Sustainability Education & Economic Development (SEED) Initiative. We have made a commitment to educate, implement and model the practices needed for a sustainable future. For central Nebraska and beyond, we believe environmental sustainability is important and necessary for healthy communities, people and economic sustainability.

The overall sustainability performance of the college has improved tremendously since committing to a climate action plan with target goals. Our environmental sustainability director has assisted CCC in these goals and shares best practices regularly with local, state, regional and national audiences.

The long- and near-term CCC plan is to provide students and the community with a campus-wide living learning laboratory for resiliency to climate change. We are committed to our climate action plan goals and are making great progress in implementing innovative sustainability strategies. Some major ongoing initiatives from this report include an overall reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 46% since 2014, a new Energy Technology program focusing on renewable energy and battery storage, Kearney Center which is utilizing high energy efficiency/renewable standards, four unique eBadges which students can share with potential employers on their resume.

I affirm that the AASHE STARS submission information has been compiled by the environmental sustainability director, his staff, and college-wide faculty, support staff and reviewed by Institutional

Research. Our Silver STARS rating accurately represents CCC's FY19 sustainability efforts.

Our collective efforts to add a new Energy Technology Program, pollinator gardens on all three campuses, a new Students 4 Sustainability club, Community Resiliency Committee, and overall engagement beyond our campuses in the 25-county service district will attract sustainability leaders to communities in Central Nebraska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Gotschall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Matt Gotschall  
College President