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The Association for the Advancement of
Sustainability in Higher Education
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Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee:

On behalf of the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), I am pleased to affirm our submission in the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS). Collection of the data for the STARS report was led by our Office of Sustainability, while they continue to support and promote many of the initiatives described in STARS.

UIC provides the broadest access to the highest levels of intellectual excellence and is committed to environmental sustainability in all aspects of its mission. UIC has a history of striving to integrate sustainability into all our operations having established the UIC Recycling Program in the mid-1990s, followed by the founding of the Institute for Environmental Science and Policy in 2002, the establishment of the Office of Sustainability in 2008, leading to the current Sustainability Strategic Thinking and Planning Process. We are committed to reducing our greenhouse gas emissions by 80% from 2004 levels by 2050.

UIC chose to participate in STARS as a means to monitor our progress beginning as a pilot campus in 2008. In 2011, we achieved a STARS Bronze rating. By achieving a Silver rating in 2014 in the more vigorous STARS version 2.0, we have proudly demonstrated in actions our commitment to these goals.

We look forward to improvements in our rating as the culture of our campus community continues to engage in our sustainability efforts as we strive to be responsible stewards of the environment.

Sincerely,



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