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The Association for the Advancement
Sustainability in Higher Education
1536 Wynkoop Street, Suite 100
Denver, CO 80202

Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee:

I write on behalf of the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) to affirm our submission in the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS). The UIC Office of Sustainability Collection was charged with gathering data for the STARS report with input from units across the university.

UIC was among the first signees of the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment in 2007 and among the first to sign Second Nature's newly integrated Climate Commitment. In 2016, UIC introduced its Climate Commitments to be a Carbon Neutral, Zero Waste, Net Zero Water, and Biodiverse university. This year, we released our Climate Action Implementation Plan identifying the next steps in the university's efforts to build a stronger sustainable work and living ethic while reducing our environmental impact.

UIC's participation in STARS is a means to monitor our progress that began as a pilot university in 2008. By achieving a Silver rating in 2018 in the more vigorous STARS version 2.1, we have demonstrated in actions our commitment to these goals.

We look forward to improvements in our rating as the university community continues to engage in our sustainability efforts. Our goal is to be responsible stewards of the environment and to serve as a model for universities around the nation.

Sincerely,

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Chancellor