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Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee:

Mulkey, Presiden

I am pleased to submit this letter affirming the accuracy of the information provided in the 2014 Unity College STARS submission. As you know, Unity College is a leader in both academic sustainability science and sustainability of campus infrastructure. We are pleased that our previous ranking as STARS Silver will be upgraded to Gold as a result of the various infrastructure, administrative, and curricular changes made in the past three years. The data in this report are a comprehensive summary of our commitment to sustainability.

Unity College has gained a national reputation for being the first college in the US to divest its endowment from fossil fuels. Our focus now is on divesting our campus infrastructure from fossil fuels. We have a net-zero energy President's home, a certified passively heated 10 student residence hall that costs \$200 to heat and will be net-zero energy by the fall of 2014, a new net-zero carbon 70 student residence hall, a solar photo-voltaic power purchase agreement on our library that supplies 80% of its electricity, and five biomass boilers that eliminate reliance on fossil fuels in three buildings. These initiatives are part of a strategic plan approved by the trustees to become carbon neutral by 2019. In addition, a recently donated commercial greenhouse and Agricultural Research Station will greatly augment our sustainability curriculum and our acquisition of local foods for campus.

My executive team and I are passionate about the College's obligation to provide students the tools to participate in the green economy of the 21st century. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or comments.

