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Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee,

I am writing to confirm the accuracy of the information provided in the Unity College STARS submission. The data in this report are a comprehensive summary of our commitment to sustainability. As the new president of Unity College I am especially proud of our accomplishments in this area, and I am dedicated to implementing sustainability as an ongoing top priority throughout the institution.

Unity College has an overall commitment to sustainability in practice and in the classroom. We were recently recognized by the Princeton Review as one of the top green colleges in the country, and our carbon footprint is among the lowest of all institutions of higher learning. The Unity House at Unity College is a platinum LEED-certified building with effectively zero net energy use from the grid. We are currently completing the construction of a soon-to-be certified passive-energy residence hall, which will consume 90% less energy than a conventional structure of equivalent size and function. A new addition to our science facilities will be heated with a pellet furnace. Through numerous examples on campus, students see the College's commitment to sustainability, which we consider to be central to the Unity experience.

The next phase of our development in sustainability will be to bring expanded academic content in sustainability science and studies to the classroom. My executive team and I are passionate about the College's ethical obligation to provide students the tools to participate in the green economy of the 21st century. We are developing programming that will integrate the principles and practice of resilience, adaptation, and mitigation into our curricula.

I am grateful to all who have helped in the development of sustainability at Unity College. I would especially like to acknowledge the hard work and scholarship of Jesse Pyles, our Coordinator of Sustainability. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen S. Mulkey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Stephen S. Mulkey, PhD
President